LESSONS THIS QUARTER
1) 02 Mar Proverbs 1:1-19. Seek Wisdom’s Ways
2) 09 Mar Proverbs 1:33-3:8. Learn Wisdom’s Benefits
3) 16 Mar Proverbs 8:1-9:18. Listen To Wisdom’s Invitation
4) 23 Mar Proverbs 10:11;12;17,18;21,25,26;31. Guard Your Speech
5) 30 Mar Proverbs 10:11;13,14;19,20,22,24,26,28,21:27,28. Don’t be a Sacker
6) 06 Apr Proverbs 3:11;13;15;16; 20,21,22,23,28;30. Financial Responsibility
7) 13 Apr Proverbs 3:10;11;13,14;15;16;17;19,20,22;25,26,27. Godly Friendships
8) 20 Apr Proverbs 14:32 – 16:8. Amazed by the Resurrection
9) 27 Apr Proverbs 20; 23, 29, 31. Avoid Addictions
10) 04 May Proverbs 5-6. Moral Purity
11) 11 May Proverbs 31:10-31. Treasure Mothers
12) 18 May Song of Songs 1:1-5.1. Righteous Romance

INTRODUCTION
Proverbs 31 is an "Alphabetic Acrostic" where each verse begins with a different letter of the ancient Hebrew alphabet to aid in memorization, making this passage highly valuable to retain.

The Perfect Mom, the Perfect Wife, the Perfect Woman:
Character Attributes
- Hard-working / Strong
- Industrious / Energetic
- Unselfish
- Caring

Physical Attributes
- Educational Level – Unknown
- Social Upbringing – Unknown
- Physical Stature – Unknown
- Beauty – Unknown

The Perfect Woman/Wife/Mother is Priceless
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- v25. "She smiles at the future." She was prepared for hard times
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