

A Successful Mother
Proverbs 31:10-31

I. DESIRED: "an excellent wife" (31:10-12)

A. Asset: "her worth is far above jewels" (v.10)

B. Assurance: "her husband trusts in her" (vv.11-12)

II. DESCRIBED: "looks...works...brings..." (31:13-27)

A. Dedicated: "she...works...in delight" (vv.13-15)

B. Hardworking: "she girds herself with strength" (vv.16-19)

C. Generous: "she stretches out her hands" (v.20)

D. Prepared: "she makes coverings" (vv.21-22)

E. Submissive: "her husband is known" (v.23)

F. Industrious: "she makes garments" (v.24)

G. Mature: "she smiles at the future" (vv.25-27)

III. DESERVED: "she shall be praised" (31:28-31)

A. Family: "children...bless/he praises her" (vv.28-29)

B. Fear: "fears the LORD, she shall be praised" (v.30)

C. Fame: "let her works praise her" (v.31)

A Hebrew acrostic poem exalting a noble woman (built on the Hebrew alphabet)

- v.10 Valuable: A wife who is a rare find, having great worth to her husband.
- v.11 Trustworthy: Her husband has full confidence in all that she does for him.
- v.12 Supportive: She benefits her husband, faithfully committed to his needs.
- v.13 Industrious: A willing worker who is dedicated to serve wholeheartedly.
- v.14 Dedicated: She puts out great effort to faithfully provide for her family.
- v.15 Diligent: Rising early, her home responsibilities are taken very seriously.
- v.16 Discerning: She is very capable in handling money and business dealings.
- v.17 Energetic: Keeps herself in shape through hard work and physical effort.
- v.18 Sensible: Recognizes the value of her work and does not cut her days short.
- v.19 Skillful: She spends time making her own cloth for family apparel
- v.20 Generous: Being ready to share with those in need, she gives selflessly.
- v.21 Prepared: She has planned ahead with good quality clothing for her household.
- v.22 Noble: The appearance of her home is nicely attired, she herself is well-dressed.
- v.23 Submissive: She does well at making her husband successful in his leadership.
- v.24 Productive: As a hard worker, she produces more than enough to use and sell.
- v.25 Positive: She exudes confidence and nobility, thus not fearing the unknown.
- v.26 Edifying: When she speaks, it is always done skillfully and mercifully.
- v.27 Responsible: She watches carefully over her family, her work is never done.
- v.28 Praised: Her children will point out her successes, her husband her credits.
- v.29 Excels: She is number one to her family, outdoing all other women.
- v.30 Devout: Her fear of the LORD will bring more praise than charm and beauty.
- v.31 Rewarded: Godly women will be rewarded and recognized above all others.

*An excellent wife is an asset to her family at all times;
may it be the goal of every woman
to wholeheartedly serve their families in the fear of the LORD.*