

*A Mother's God-Breathed Counsel*

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PROVERBS 31

## THE MAIN POINT OF PROVERBS 31

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Clarifying three common misunderstandings:

- It's actually written more for men than for women.
  - It's not really meant to be a checklist—for women or men.
  - It's primarily focused on God's goodness, not ours.
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1. Men, the excellent wife's value is not that she's perfect but that she's a God-fearer.
  - Consider the contrasts—her value is not in how much she owns, in how much she makes, or in how she grew up.
  - Consider the Bible's own illustration: Ruth. (See especially Ruth 3:11.)

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1. Men, the excellent woman's value is not that she's perfect but that she's a God-fearer.
2. Men, the excellent woman is admirable for her character not for her looks.
3. Men, the excellent woman should be praised. Praise her—and praise God for her.

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