

SERMON TITLE: “*God’s Portrait of a Woman*”

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 31:10-31

INTRODUCTION: Women who live faithfully before God in the power of the gospel bless others and honor God.

A GODLY WOMAN IS A WOMAN WITH EXTRAORDINARY CHARACTER:

1) SHE IS STRONG AND VALUABLE (vv. 10-12).

- She is capable, a woman of excellence, precious, and blessed.
- Her husband has full confidence in her because of her character and ability to get the job completed. She is a blessing.

2) SHE IS A HARD WORKER (vv. 13-19).

- She takes care of the family.
- She is strong, not weak, powerful, not feeble, confident, fair, and devoted to excellence. She does what she can with what she has to make sure the job is completed.

3) SHE IS COMPASSIONATE (v. 20).

- She is tender in heart and has a generous, gracious spirit.
- She helps the poor and reaches out to help, aid, and assist.

4) SHE IS PREPARED TO CARE FOR OTHERS AND HERSELF (vv. 21-22).

- She does her best and begins by looking out for the interests of others.
- She takes care of herself by honoring God, keeping her commitments, and trusting in the blessings of God.

5) SHE IS A BLESSING TO HER HUSBAND (v. 23).

- She makes her man better, not worse.
- She takes an average man, lifts him to greatness, and makes him better than he would be without her.
- Her husband honors and respects her because of the blessings she brings to him.

6) SHE IS BLESSED WITH GODLY WISDOM (vv. 24-27).

- She provides for her family.
- She wears strength, honor, a sense of humor, and a positive outlook.
- She uses words of wisdom and kindness and uses them well. She is blessed with common sense.
- She watches over the members of her family, sensitive to their different personalities and aware of their needs. She is conscious of her surroundings.

7) SHE IS BLESSED BY HER CHILDREN AND PRAISED BY HER HUSBAND (vv. 28-29).

- Her children testify to her impact on their lives, and her influence still shapes and guides them.
- Her husband testifies to her impact on his life and praises her.

8) SHE IS HONORED BY THE LORD (vv. 30-31).

- She knows what lasts and places high value on eternal things. She sets her mind on things above because her life and worth are grounded in her relationship with Jesus.
- She knows, loves, and fears the Lord. Her passion in life is to know, please, obey, and honor the Lord.

CLOSING: The only way to be a positive mom and a Proverbs woman is to have a personal relationship with Jesus as your Savior and Lord. The woman of Proverbs 31 is not just any woman. She is a godly woman who desires the applause and praise from Jesus because that means everything. The wisdom of God is evident in her life. That wisdom changes everything.

