

## A BLESSING BEYOND BELIEF

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Scripture References: Proverbs 31:26-29

### KEY VERSE

"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

Proverbs 31: 28

### REVIEW

Proverbs 31 describes a model woman with attributes we can glean and adopt into our own family relationships. Living in a wicked, broken and dysfunctional world, one can be encouraged knowing God is able to bring His redemptive power in the midst of chaos for those who put their trust in Him - whether in a single-parent home or in struggling/challenging families. As we make our walk with God a priority, He will weave a divine legacy to pass down through us to the next generation.

The scriptures provide many examples of women who exemplified strong/courageous relationships with God. Note the following: Sarah teaches us that nothing is difficult with God; Hagar teaches

us in the wilderness, God sees us and is able to provide; Rahab teaches us God uses the most unlikely person for His purpose; Hannah teaches God answers prayers; Ruth teaches us our story isn't over until God says it is over; Esther teaches God transforms an unworthy person into royalty; Elizabeth teaches us at an advanced age God can still use us; Mary teaches us all will be done according to His plan. With all of these women, we come to know when all else fails, God will prevail! The Godly character traits of these women are not just words on a page in the Bible that we read about, but they are life-long virtues to be pursued in our own lives.

### Channels of Communication

Proverbs 31 provides us with an instructional model of a Godly Woman/Mother in a family setting ordained by God. She gives godly counsel/practical knowledge (Do's & Don't) to her children and her life is a model to emulate. Her guidance ensures her children are equipped to distinguish between right and wrong. Practically, children must be given insight on the dangers that exist in the world. We must be comfortable sharing with our children what the Bible teaches and how it contrasts to the world's standards. If we do not educate our children in God's ways, the world will fill them with wrong worldly ideologies and false doctrines (school, friends, social media).

We must teach our children how to make good decisions ie; salvation and the importance of making Jesus Christ the Lord and Saviour of their lives as well as choosing the right life partner. Mothers and Fathers have exclusive behavioral traits they each need to convey to their children. Our daughters need to know how to be godly wives and mothers and how to be successful and wise in business. Our sons need to know how to be godly husbands and fathers and how to conduct themselves in the marketplace. This significantly impacts their quality of life and the likelihood of maintaining strong biblical households. Mothers and grandmothers have a role to play in shaping a child's character. They need to teach character and be living examples of how to be a godly woman so your daughters and granddaughters can model after you. They need to address their sons how godly women think and behave and the pitfalls and enticements of the ungodly. Similarly, fathers and grandfathers are responsible to teach by example and to share with their daughters and granddaughters how godly men think and act and warn against lurking pitfalls in the world. It is also important to equip them with an understanding of the qualities of godly women or men so that they make right decisions in choosing their future life partners.

Another quality to emulate as godly mothers/fathers is how their counsel is reflected in the way they live out God's instructions for being a godly spouse, parent, and leader in and out of the home. God has linked husbands and wives together. They are not independent agents but on one team, a

committed companionship. Their goal is to maintain a godly family – modeled by both husband and wife, working together not against, not competing or comparing, but working as a team. In so doing, there will be an imprint of godly patterns that are hard for their children or the world to erase. Parents must be proactive to ensure this knowledge is transferred to the next generation. We live in a world where sin is easier to access than ever before in history. Sinful addictions impair our ability to make sound decisions. Beyond substance abuse, we also deal with addictions developed through what we expose ourselves to, including television, social media, video games etc. Mothers and fathers must use relationships they have developed with their kids in order to help them navigate the obstacles the world will throw in their children's path.

#### Committed Companionship

A Godly woman is committed to companionship with her husband. There is no fear, distrust, shame, concern or wondering of her loyalty and intentions. There should be no areas of her life that are hidden or hesitant to share with her husband. The heart of the husband safely trusts his wife. A God-ordained marriage is a lifelong relationship where there is love, mutual respect and harmony. Our marriages are to be modeling a relationship for our offspring to adopt in their own future marriages. Each parent is not an independent agent in the home. It takes both parents working together to model a God-centered household. We should also share the joy of the Lord with each other in our families, so that our children will crave this same joy in their own homes and in their marriages. We must strive to present a positive model worthy for our children to emulate in their own lives. It is not easy to break out of repetitive flaws or a vicious cycle of habitual sin that may breed in our daily lives and impact our families. This can only take place with a godly desire, a strong will, and most importantly the grace of God.

#### Connection Through Compassion

A Godly woman is compassionate and has a kind heart for others. Every home should be actively participating in a charitable endeavor. We must reach out to those around us who are struggling spiritually, physically, financially and in ways we can fulfill that need in a godly manner. We are called to spread God's love to others, not just with our words, but also with our time, our possessions, and with our lives. Our children need to see us doing this and share in this great honor of serving the needs of others..

#### Fear of God

A Godly woman is God-fearing. It is the most important trait that one must possess as this is what makes him/her a righteous person (husband/wife). We need to be open to God's correction when we falter. Thus we send a message to our children of our need for repentance knowing that we are not perfect. Our attitude matters to God and so therefore we turn to God repentance when we sin. When we humbly accept correction and also gracefully and lovingly correct our children, we point them to the right path that is pleasing to God.

## REFLECT

1. What should a Godly Christian family look like? Which biblical character or biblical family unit speaks to you the most in what they did or didn't do to reflect God's intended design for the family?

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2. What are the qualities of a godly mother or father that are most important given the world we live in and the challenges the enemy is throwing at our children? How can we as spiritual and natural mothers and fathers reflect these qualities to those around us?

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3. Have you had conversations with your children and those whom God has placed under your influence as to what the Bible says are the qualities of a godly man or woman and what a godly marriage looks like?

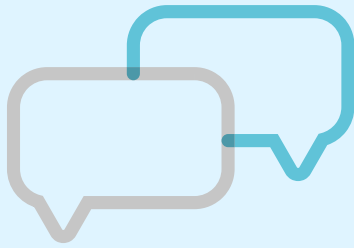
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4. What recommendations would you give to new families on developing an environment where they can speak freely with their children on important topics? Also, in what ways can you model godly behavior in your home and in the marketplace to those people God is entrusting to you to be an influencer to?

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5. Are you and your household participating in a charitable endeavor? How have you incorporated your children into these charitable activities; what can you do in the future?

## NOTES



**Instructions:** When we read the Scriptures, when we sit under our leaders for the proclamation and teaching of the Scriptures we ought to respond and ask the Holy Spirit to teach us to respond.

*In response to what we have discussed and learned this week:*

- a) Take ten minutes to respond to God directly.
- b) Choose one or two of the categories below and journal a personal prayer in your Bible, notebook or a digital device.

## HOW CAN YOU RESPOND TO THIS TEXT IN PRAYER?



### CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

We ask you Lord for forgiveness for any time we have not taken our responsibility as parents seriously in living out your instructions practically and proactively for our children. We know Lord you are faithful to forgive, strengthen, and encourage those who come to you with a humble and repentant heart.



### PETITION

We pray that you give us Lord the strength to continue to stand strong in what you called us to be as parents in this dysfunctional world and the wisdom to pass on Godly counsel to our children. Help us Lord to build strong relationships with our children built on trust and compassion. Help us Lord to trust that you will bring us through whatever difficulties we may be going through as a family and equip Lord us to rise up to any challenge that we may face.



### THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to God that He has mercifully revealed to us everything we need to know about the qualities of Godly parents. We thank you God that you have entrusted us with the great responsibility of passing down your instructions to the next generation. We pray that you give us the strength and wisdom to do so in a way that pleases you.



### PRAISE

God we know you are rich in mercy and faithful to us. You give us hope and redemption in the face of all the attacks from the enemy on our families and especially our children. You are our refuge and our strength; therefore, we will not fear in whatever may come our way but rejoice in your faithfulness.