

## A Woman's Influence

### Proverbs 31:10-31

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**Introduction:** Proverbs 12:4; 14:1; 18:22; 19:14; 21:9,19; 27:15; 31:10

**We believe that God is honored by homes where Christ is revered as head, where husbands and wives live in mutual respect and love, and where children are nurtured in Christlike character.** We believe that families are to welcome and embrace those who have no families, and to extend hospitality to the lonely and neglected. We see the church as a "family of families," with families serving and loving people of all ages and stages.

#### I. Six Values of a Godly Woman

- A. Trustworthiness (v.11)
- B. Energetic, enthusiastic, resourceful work (vv.13-19, 24, 27)
  - Colossians 3:23,24; I Thessalonians 1:3; II Thessalonians 3:10
- C. Focus on the family (vv.13-14,21-22,27)
  - Titus 2:4,5; I Timothy 5:9,10
- D. Generosity (v.20)
  - Proverbs 3: 10,11; 14:31; 19:17; 22:9
- E. Confidence (v.23)
- F. Godly wisdom (v.26)
  - Proverbs 1:7; 9:10

#### II. The Impact of a Godly Woman

- A. On her husband (vv.11,23,28)
- B. On her children (v. 28)
- C. On her community (vv.30-31)

#### III. An Environment for Nurturing Godly Women

- A. Affirming them in the home
- B. Encouraging them in the church

## Daily Bible Readings

May 11-17

### Follow-Throughs

Each day this week we will look further into one of the qualities shown by the Proverbs 31 woman, applying those qualities in our work and in our home life.

#### Monday I Corinthians 4:1-5

Paul saw himself as a steward, a manager of things that God had placed in his hands. He wanted to be trustworthy and accountable to God. What responsibilities has God placed in your hands— for people, for material resources, for tasks? To what extent would those in your home, and those at your workplace, describe you as trustworthy?

#### Tuesday Colossians 3:18 – 4:1

Focus on verses 23 and 24. To what extent are you working with "all your heart" at your job, or at school? How about in your home? Ask the Lord to give you fresh energy and perspective today.

#### Wednesday Titus 2:1-4

In which of the four categories do you find yourself— older or younger, man or woman? What instructions are given to someone in your situation? What is the evidence of your focus on, and commitment to, your own family?

#### Thursday Proverbs 3:1-10

To what extent do your own patterns of giving express obedience to the Lord? To what extent have you progressed beyond mere obedience to generosity? What promises are given in Proverbs 19:17 and Proverbs 22:9?

#### Friday Psalm 37

What foundations for confidence in facing the future are supplied in this psalm? List the areas you have been feeling anxiety. Commit them one by one to the Lord.

#### Saturday I Samuel 25:1-41

How did Abigail express godly wisdom? What benefits did David reap from listening to her counsel? Who has God been placing in your life to warn you against foolish or impulsive actions?

### Warm-Up

#### Sunday Ephesians 6:1-4

What instructions does Paul give to children? What instructions does Paul give to parents? What benefits could come from heeding Paul's exhortations?