

The Virtuous Wife

Mother's Day Small Group Discussion Guide

Proverbs 31:10-31

Big Idea: Treasure your wife/mother for all she's worth.

Opening Icebreaker

1. What is one thing your mother or a mother figure did that made you feel loved?
2. What are some memorable things children believe moms can do?
3. Why is motherhood both rewarding and challenging?

Introduction

Proverbs 31 celebrates wisdom, dignity, and grace formed over a lifetime. This acrostic poem gives an A-to-Z portrait of godly character, not an impossible checklist for one day.

Observation: What Does the Text Say?

1. How is the woman described in verse 10?
2. What trust does her husband have in her?
3. What shows she is hardworking and productive?
4. How does she care for her household?
5. How does she help the poor and needy?
6. What is she clothed with in verse 25?
7. What kind of speech comes from her mouth?
8. How do her family members respond?
9. What is praised most highly in verse 30?

Interpretation: What Does the Text Mean?

10. Why are charm and beauty described as temporary?
11. What does it mean to fear the Lord?
12. Why is reverence for God the foundation of wisdom?
13. What is the difference between beauty and honor?
14. What does it mean to laugh at the days to come?
15. What examples show diligence and planning?
16. Why is preparation a loving act?
17. What does generosity reveal about character?
18. Why are encouraging words powerful in a family?

Application: How Should This Change Us?

19. Which quality most encourages you today?
20. Which quality feels most challenging right now?
21. How does this passage free women from perfectionism?
22. How can families better honor hidden labor?
23. What practical act of gratitude can you show this week?
24. Which qualities apply to all believers?
25. What would change if homes valued character more than appearance?

Gospel Connection

26. Why do we all fall short of this standard?
27. How does Jesus meet us with grace where we fail?
28. How does the gospel empower growth rather than guilt?

Closing Reflection

29. Who is a woman in your life that has displayed these qualities?
30. How can you honor her this week?
31. What quality from this passage do you want God to grow in you?

Key Verse

Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. — Proverbs 31:31