

## **A Wife of Noble Character**

Proverbs 31

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King Lemuel's mother said to him:

O my son, avoid alcohol. If you drink too much, you might forget the laws you're supposed to enforce and deprive your people of their rights. Don't chase after women. Such has been the ruin of many kings.

Instead, find a wife of noble character, a woman you can trust. She will greatly enrich your life. She will work hard to bring money into the household, yet she won't neglect her family. She'll get up early in the morning to make breakfast for you and your children.

With money she has earned, she'll engage in profitable business ventures outside the home. And she'll work late into the night.

She will give generously to the poor and needy. In preparation for the winter she'll make warm clothes and blankets for everyone in her family. She herself will wear fine clothing, worthy of her noble status as your wife. She will even make extra clothing to sell, bringing even more money into the household.

She will be a model of strength and dignity. She will speak wisely and provide loving instructions. And all the while she will carefully guide the affairs of the household. No one will ever be able to accuse her of idleness.

Her children will prosper and make her very happy. You will praise her, saying, "Many women have done wonderful things, but you surpass them all!"

Charm is deceptive, and beauty doesn't last, but a woman who shows reverence for the Lord should be rewarded with praise from every quarter.