

Mothers Day

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Use this guide by yourself, with a friend, or in a group to help you pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus this week!

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In today's Mothers Day sermon, Pastor Don reminds us of the role that parents have in shaping and guiding their children to become the people God created them to be. And as we think specifically of our mothers, Proverbs 31:10-31 comes to mind because of the way it specifically describes the characteristics of a woman who is working on behalf of the good of everyone in her family. So to get your group started, let everyone share their favorite TV mom - and why they chose them!

BIG THOUGHT

Proverbs 31 reminds us that it is God's desire for all of us to be faithful and diligent in all that we do, and that the rewards for our integrity will not only bless our family but the people around us, too.

1. Read Proverbs 31:10-12. What is the most important characteristic of the woman whom the author is describing? (v. 10a) How valuable is it? (v. 10b) How does she bring blessing to her husband? (v. 11-12) Do you personally know any wives or mothers who would fit this description? Share with your group...
2. Now read v. 13-22. What are the different areas in which the woman uses her skills and abilities? Which of the tasks mentioned in these verses would be a natural for you and which ones would be a stretch? And who around her is blessed through her efforts? (v. 15, 20)
3. Read v. 23. How does this verse illustrate the far-reaching influence of a household where the husband and wife walk with God and have good character? Do you think this can still be true in our culture today? Why or why not?

4. Read v. 25-26. How is the woman's character evident in the way she conducts herself? Share about someone you know who's personal integrity and bearing could be described in a similar way - what has been his or her impact on you?
5. Now read v. 27-29. What is the effect of the woman's character on her children and husband? (v. 28-29) Why do you think the quality of our family relationships provide so much insight into our character?
6. Read v. 30-31. How does v. 30 run counter to today's cultural values? What do you think could be the rewards mentioned in v. 31? And how does this verse affirm that authenticity in both our public and private lives can lead to greater influence in our community?
7. To finish, read Colossians 3:23 and think through your typical daily schedule - does this verse and the example set in Proverbs 31 inspire you to change how you would approach any of your responsibilities? Explain.

Take it Further

Thank God for the people in your life whose diligence and hard work have been a blessing to you (especially the women in your life!), and reach out to them this week to let them know how they've impacted you.

Daily Readings

Day 1: Proverbs 14:23

Day 4: 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

Day 2: Acts 18:2-3

Day 5: Proverbs 12:14

Day 3: Proverbs 12:11

Day 6: 1 Corinthians 10:31

Memory Verse: Proverbs 31:28-29



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