

Overview: Many believers are very familiar with the "*excellent wife*" passage found in Proverbs 31:10-31. However, most of us are not as familiar with the three point lesson given to King Lemuel by his mother in the first nine verses. Many scholars believe King Lemuel which means "*dedicated to God*" was probably a pseudonym for Solomon, whose mother was Bathsheba. An oracle is a wise authoritative address given to impart divine knowledge. It's really preaching - and here's the mother's 3 point sermon.

What can we learn from this preacher/teacher at home?

A. Her Maternal Credentials - vv. 1, 2

1. If you are a good teacher you need to have the heart of a **mother**.
2. If you are a good teacher you first need to have a heart for God and His **Word**.

Takeaway: A wise son will give his mother's (parent's) wishes careful consideration.

B. Her Three-point Sermon - vv. 3-9

1. She precautions about immorality - v. 3

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Takeaway: Be a gentleman! Be very careful about your relationships (date or marry).

2. She warns about wine - vv. 4-7

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Takeaway: If you do not take the view of total abstinence exercise great caution as to the time, place, persons, and circumstances when it is used (Prov. 20:1)

3. She implores righteous judgment - vv. 8, 9

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Takeaway: Mothers and fathers - be discerning - think before you react! (Mt. 7:21)

Application:

1. What is your current plan (that is age-appropriate) for teaching your family members about the importance of sexual purity?
2. What is your conviction about alcohol consumption? How would you defend it biblically?
3. What step(s) are you currently taking to reach out to the unfortunate?
4. Read Proverbs 31 today and thank your mother and/or grandmother for their lives. Be specific, especially in ways they have assisted you in your spiritual growth.

"No one is poor who had a Godly mother." - Abraham Lincoln

Ten Encouraging Bible Verses for Mothers

1. **Proverbs 31:28-29** *"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."*

2. **Proverbs 6:20-22** *"My son, obey your father's commands, and don't neglect your mother's instruction. Keep their words always in your heart. Tie them around your neck. When you walk, their counsel will lead you. When you sleep, they will protect you. When you wake up, they will advise you."*

3. **Isaiah 66:13** *"As a mother comforts her child, So I will comfort you."*

4. **Proverbs 31:25-26** *"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come."She speak with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue."*

5. **1 Peter 3:4** *"You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God."*

6. **Deuteronomy 6:6-7** *"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."*

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

8. **Psalm 139:13-14** *"For you created me in my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."*

9. **I Thessalonians 1:7-8** *"But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children. Having so found an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us."*

10. **1 Corinthians 13:13** *"Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love."*

Deuteronomy 4:9

“Do not let these memories escape your mind as long as you live! And be sure to pass them on to your children and grandchildren.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

“Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.”

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John 15:12

“This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.”

1 John 4:19

“We love each other because he loved us first.”

Joshua 24:15

“But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”

Proverbs 6:20-22

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Proverbs 23:22-25

“Listen to your father, who gave you life, and don’t despise your mother when she is old. Get the truth and never sell it; also get wisdom, discipline, and good judgment. The father of godly children has cause for joy. What a pleasure to have children who are wise. So give your father and mother joy! May she who gave you birth be happy.”

Proverbs 11:16

“A kindhearted woman gains honor.”

Proverbs 5:18

“Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.”

Deuteronomy 5:16

“Honor your father and mother, as the Lord your God commanded you. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”

Proverbs 1:8-9

“My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don’t neglect your mother’s instruction. What you learn from them will crown you with grace and be a chain of honor around your neck.”

Psalm 128:1-2

“How joyful are those who fear the Lord—all who follow his ways! You will enjoy the fruit of your labor. How joyful and prosperous you will be!”

Romans 8:28

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.”

Proverbs 17:6

“Grandchildren are the crowning glory of the aged; parents are the pride of their children.”

Leviticus 19:3

“Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father.”