



✦ MY NEXT STEPS TODAY...

- ☐ **Honor My Mother** ~ By reaching out to her with an expression of love and respect (I will write her a card, send her an email, give her a call, or maybe buy her some flowers to show her how much I love her.)
- ☐ **Pray for My Mother** ~ Knowing life is hard, her role is challenging – so I will pray for her that God will strengthen and encourage her in the journey.
- ☐ **Rejoice Over My Mother** ~ Thanking God for her and celebrating the incredible role she has played in my life. Regardless of the fact that she may not have been “perfect” in all things – I choose to forgive any wrongs, look past the hurtful moments, and celebrate God’s gift – “My Mom!”
- ☐ **Practice the Strength & Dignity of Godly Mothers** ~ As I seek to live out the role God intends for me as a mother, I choose to invest in the godly character and noble virtues that Scripture champions and love my family!
- ☐ **Make a Faith Decision** ~ Prayerfully place my **faith** in Jesus Christ, God’s Son, by **recognizing Him** as my personal **Lord** and **Savior** and by asking and receiving the forgiveness of my sins.



MESSAGE GUIDE

Speaker: Pastor Mark Geer
Sunday: May 11, 2025



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Today's Message:

MOTHER'S DAY

Wisdom from the Proverbs

"Strength & Dignity"



Text: Proverbs 14:1; 31:25-31

"Strength & Dignity"

A Mother Is A God-Inspired Idea & Role

1. Genesis 1:26-28 – "God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."
2. Genesis 3:20 – "Adam called his wife's name 'Eve', because she was the mother of all living."
3. Genesis 3:15 – "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children."

The Wisdom of the Proverbs

1. Proverbs 1:10-9 – The Wisdom of Solomon
2. Proverbs 4:3 – "...tender and the only one in the sight of my mother."
3. Proverbs 23:22, 25 – "Do not despise your mother when she is old... Let your father and your mother be glad, and let her who bore you rejoice!"



The Wisdom from the Proverbs Teaches Us That The Wise Woman Builds Her House!

- 1) Proverbs 14: 1 – "The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her hands." (NKJV)
 - a) It takes great effort, strength of character, and the exercise of willpower to build a family, a home, a house that is filled with love, laughter, honor, strength and dignity.
 - b) The wise woman builds her house... (See Story from 1 Kings 3:16-27)
- 2) Proverbs 14: 1 – "The wise woman builds her house, but with her hands the foolish one tears hers down." (NIV) [Note: Psalm 127:1]

The Wisdom from the Proverbs Teaches Us That Strength & Dignity Are A Wise Woman's Clothing!

- 1) Proverbs 31:25-31 – The Words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him.
 - a) Clothing is used throughout this proverb as the enterprise of this virtuous wife and mother (vv.16-22).
 - b) In v.25 clothing is referred to metaphorically to indicate that her appearance is one of strength and dignity (See also vv.15-18, 27).
- 2) Proverbs 31:26-29 – She should be praised and honored for instructing her children.
 - ✘ "Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all." (v.29)
- 3) Proverbs 31:30-31 – The true secret to noble womanhood and motherhood lies within her spirit and character.
 - ✘ "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised." (v.30)



DISCUSSION GUIDE

For The Week of May 11 - 17, 2025

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Wisdom From The Proverbs

"Strength & Dignity"

Proverbs 14:1; 31:25-31

"Strength & Dignity"

Motherhood

1. Mothers – What is your favorite thing about being a "mom"?
2. If you don't mind sharing – How many kids / grandkids do you have?
3. What is your most memorable Mother's Day you've enjoyed?

A Mother Is A God-Inspired Idea & Role

1. What do you think God had in mind when creating mothers?
(Consult Genesis 1:26-28; 3:15, 20)
2. Read Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Thessalonians 2:7; 1 Timothy 5:1-10, 14; Titus 2:3-5 – What do these Scriptures teach us about God's idea for women and mothers in the church of today?

The Wisdom of the Proverbs

1. Share any tidbits you've gleaned from the wisdom of the Proverbs in your time of reading the Bible through the years.
2. If you've just begun reading – here are a few "starter verses" for you:
Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:6, 15; 23:13-14, 24; 29:15, 17

The Wisdom from the Proverbs Teaches Us That The Wise Woman Builds Her House!

- 1) Proverbs 14: 1 – "The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her hands." (NKJV)
- 2) You've probably heard of "nesting" related to a young new mother desiring to get settled into her home and set up a "nursery" for her baby. And many young couples are driven to "build that first dream home" as they become parents. What advice would you give to someone who is young and just getting started in motherhood or parenthood in terms of truly "building your house" as referenced above in Proverbs 14:1.
- 3) What steps have you taken to "build your house" spiritually, relationally, emotionally, educationally, etc.?

The Wisdom from the Proverbs Teaches Us That Strength & Dignity Are A Wise Woman's Clothing!

- 1) Re-read Proverbs 31:25-31 – The Words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him. What key things jump out at you that she was trying to impress upon her son?
- 2) In Proverbs 31:25 where it refers to strength and dignity being an honorable woman's clothing – how do you see these attributes being displayed in the home & helping "build the house." (See 1 Peter 3:1-6)

