

Lesson 7 – “What to Wear/Not to Wear”

Proverbs 31: 22 and 25

What is the Proverbs 31 wise woman wearing according to these passages?

- 1) Tapestry that she makes for herself
- 2) Fine Linen
- 3) Purple
- 4) Strength
- 5) Honor
- 6) Scarlet

Note the words in this passage that relate to textiles and clothing:

- v.13 wool and flax
- v. 19 distaff and spindle
- v. 21 clothed with scarlet
- v.22 tapestry
fine linen, purple
- v. 24 linen garments
sashes
- v. 25 strength and honor are her clothing

Biblical references to clothing:

Genesis 3:1-13

Hebrews 4:13

Isaiah 64:6

Revelation 3:18

Revelation 19:11-14

- 1) Fine Linen

Fine white linen depicts righteousness. But it is Christ’s righteousness imputed to us.

- 2) Purple

Purple is the color of royalty.

- 3) Scarlet

These references evoke the priest’s garments. Exodus 28:1-6

I Peter 2:9

We are to show Christ to the people around us.

We are a royal priesthood.

Proverbs 31:25 The wise woman is clothed with strength and honor. (linen & purple).

The Hebrew word for Strength is owz - which means: force, security, majesty, praise, might, power (translated "virtue" in Proverbs 31:10).

The Hebrew word of honor is hadar - which means: magnificence, ornament or splendor, beauty, comeliness, excellency, glory, goodly, honor, majesty.

Exodus 28:2

In summary:

The wise woman's covering was to be for beauty and glory.

The source of our strength and our glory is in Christ.

II Corinthians 4:7

II Corinthians 3:18

Colossians 1:27

As we noted, this passage has a number of references to textiles.

Some lessons from this:

- *We are in need of the covering of Gods' righteousness, not self efforts.*
- *We need God's continual cleansing.*
- *Without God's provision we are in a very exposed position.*
- *God is our strength and honor.*

The wise woman is making a tapestry for herself.

Proverbs 31:22

This evokes an image of embroidery. Various threads that comprise the finished product.

The "threads" of our tapestry:

Put off: Colossians 3:5-9.

Put on: Colossians 3:12-17

What keeps us on track with our tapestry?

Ephesians 4:17-24.

According to this passage, the antidote to living foolishly is:

- 1) Hear Christ (James 1:21)

- 2) Be taught by Him. (James 1:25)
- 3) Be renewed in the spirit of our mind.
- 4) Put on the New Man.

Isaiah 61:10

Application:

How do you view the small acts that you do each day? How does meditating on the tapestry picture help you to view “small acts” in a different way?