

APPRECIATE MOM

Proverbs 31:28-31

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HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY! Appropriate appreciation is a truly Christian activity and honoring motherhood is a Christian value. While our world may fail to appreciate or even demean mothers, God's Word exalts it. Proverbs 31:10-31 is an acrostic wisdom poem of praise for God's kind of wife and mother. The concept of "praise" for a goldy woman especially fills verses 28-31.

I. WHO SHOULD APPRECIATE MOTHER? (31:28)

- A. Children
- B. Husband

II. WHEN SHOULD WE APPRECIATE MOTHER?

...As regularly as her service (31:28)

III. HOW SHOULD WE APPRECIATE MOTHER? (31:28-29)

- A. Personal appreciation
- B. High appreciation

IV. WHY SHOULD WE APPRECIATE MOTHER (28b-31)

- A. Her person
- B. Her priority
 1. Godly womanhood does not place priority on the outward.
 2. Godly womanhood does place priority on inner God-consciousness. (1 Peter 3:3-5)
- C. Her productivity (31)

TAKING IT HOME:

1. Are our priorities in line with God's?
2. Praise God for mothers.
3. Praising mothers pleases God.

TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

1. Why is Mothers' Day difficult for some and how can we encourage them?
2. How can we uphold God's beautiful vision of the family in our generation?

FOR NEXT TIME: Read Habakkuk 3:1-16, *Fervent Prayer*