

Qualities of a Godly Mother Proverbs 31

Today we are going to take a passage that seems somewhat obscure and from it spring into our message on "The Qualities of a Godly Mother"

ONE THING

A Godly mother is any WOMAN who releases God's gift of MOTHERHOOD.

In Romans 16 we read an interesting comment Paul makes regarding a particular woman...

Romans 16:13 (ESV) — Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.

Here is what I want to say to every woman, young and old...

Not everyone HAS a Godly mother, but everyone NEEDS a Godly mother!

Proverbs 31:1 (NLT) — The sayings of King Lemuel contain this message, which his mother taught him.

His mother taught him by training and example what to look for in a wife who would become a Godly mother.

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Her 1st Quality...

1. C – CAPABILITY

➤ **Diligent**

Proverbs 31:13–14 (NLT) — She finds wool and flax and busily spins it. She is like a merchant's ship, bringing her food from afar.

➤ **Organized**

Proverbs 31:15 (NLT) — She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plan the day's work for her servant girls.

➤ **Frugal**

Proverbs 31:16 (NLT) — She goes to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard.

➤ **Energetic**

Proverbs 31:17 (NLT) — She is energetic and strong, a hard worker. 18 She makes sure her dealings are profitable; her lamp burns late into the night. 19 Her hands are busy spinning thread, her fingers twisting fiber.

➤ **Successful**

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Proverbs 14:1 (NLT) — A wise woman builds her home, but a foolish woman tears it down with her own hands.

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Her 2nd Quality...

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Proverbs 31:20 (NLT) — She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy.

When Paul was telling Timothy what type of older woman the Church should take total financial responsibility for...

Listen to what he told Timothy to look for...

1 Timothy 5:10 (NLT) — She must be well respected by everyone because of the good she has done. Has she brought up her children well? Has she been kind to strangers and served other believers humbly? Has she

helped those who are in trouble? Has she always been ready to do good?

Another way of thinking about “accepting” is the word compassion...

Matthew 9:36 (ESV) — When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

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Her 3rd Quality...

3. R - RESPECT

➤ **Respects herself...**

Proverbs 31:22 (NLT) — She makes her own bedspreads. She dresses in fine linen and purple gowns.

1 Peter 3:4 (ESV) — But let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

A woman that respects herself has a confidence she exudes...

Proverbs 31:25 (NLT) — She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.

➤ **Respects her husband...**

Proverbs 31:23 (NLT) — Her husband is well known at the city gates, where he sits with the other civic leaders.

You can almost always tell if a husband is respected by his wife...

You see it in the way he leads others

Ephesians 5:33 (NLT) — So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

➤ **Respected by others...**

She is respected by others because of the excellence of her work...

Proverbs 31:24 (NLT) — She makes belted linen garments and sashes to sell to the merchants.

As the king thought about his mother and then looked at the wife the Lord had given him...

Proverbs 31:29 (NLT) — “There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!”

Matthew 5:16 (NLT) — In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

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Her 4th Quality...

4. I – INFLUENCE

Proverbs 31:26 (NLT) — When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness.

Whether she is a big talker or quiet, when she speaks, a Godly mother releases words of wisdom...

Notice also that her instructions are given with kindness...

Her desire is to help and not to harm...

Titus 2:3–5 (ESV) — Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be

self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

The major focus of her influence is poured out upon her children...

Proverbs 22:6 (ESV) — Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

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Her 5th Quality...

5. N - NUTURING

Proverbs 31:27–28 (NLT) — She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness. Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her:

To nurture means to help something or someone grow and develop...

Proverbs 31:21 (NLT) — She has no fear of winter for her household, for everyone has warm clothes.

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Her 6th Quality...

6. G - GUARDING

Listen to the words of the king's mother to him...

Guards against Foolishness

Proverbs 31:2–7 (NLT) — O my son, O son of my womb, O son of my vows, do not waste your strength on women, on those who ruin kings. It is not for kings, O Lemuel, to guzzle wine. Rulers should not crave alcohol. For if they

drink, they may forget the law and not give justice to the oppressed. Alcohol is for the dying, and wine for those in bitter distress. Let them drink to forget their poverty and remember their troubles no more.

Guards against Arrogance

Proverbs 31:8–9 (NLT) — Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.

What does it mean to be a godly mother?

A godly mother is a woman who represents the heart of Christ to her children. She is continually aware of her influence over their lives and futures and makes sacrifices whenever necessary for their welfare. Godly mothers are first godly women. They are not one way at home and another way in public. Even when her children do not have a godly father, a mother can have a great impact on her children's spiritual future.

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