

Precautions from a Godly Mother (vv. 1-9)

- The ill effects of immorality are amplified through those entrusted with the responsibility of leading others.
- Intoxication impairs discernment and hinders sound judgment.
- Justice and mercy are the inseparable duties of godly leadership.

Precepts of a Godly Wife and Mother (vv. 10-27)

- In every season, God is at work through mothers.
- God equips wives and mothers out of His abundant grace.
- The fear of the Lord is the defining characteristic of motherhood in Christ.

Praise Given to a Godly Wife and Mother (vv. 28-31)

- The primary mission field of a mother is her family.
- A mother's work becomes evident to the broader community through her consistent faithfulness to Christ, her family, and her church.

- 1) Proverbs 31 begins with the warnings of a mother to her son about immorality, intoxication, and injustice. Why are these sins especially dangerous for those entrusted with leadership and influence over others?
Consider: Deut 17:16-17; 1 Kings 11:1-11; Eph 5:15-18; James 3:1
- 2) Proverbs 31:8-9 commands God's people to speak for the needy and defend the vulnerable. How should Christian families and churches reflect God's justice and mercy in everyday life?
Consider: Micah 6:8; Isaiah 1:16-17; Matt 25:34-40; James 1:27
- 3) The Proverbs 31 woman demonstrates diligence, wisdom, and faithful stewardship in every season of life. How does Scripture encourage believers to view ordinary daily labor as meaningful kingdom work?
Consider: Ecc 3:12-13; Gal 6:9; Col 3:23-24
- 4) Proverbs 31 emphasizes that the fear of the Lord is the true source of a woman's beauty and strength. What does it mean to fear the Lord, and how does this shape Christian motherhood and family life?
Consider: Psalm 128:1-4; Proverbs 1:7; Luke 1:46-50; 1 Peter 3:3-5
- 5) In what ways does the New Testament continue the Proverbs 31 vision of mothers and women serving faithfully within the home, church, and community?
Consider: Titus 2:3-5; Acts 9:36-39; 2 Timothy 1:5; 3:14-15
- 6) Proverbs 31:28-31 describes a godly woman being praised by her husband, children, and community. What kinds of faithfulness tend to go unnoticed in the world but are deeply valued by God? How can the church better encourage and honor such faithfulness?
Consider: Ruth 3:11; 1 Cor 15:58; 1 Timothy 5:9-10; Hebrews 6:10