

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GODLY MOTHER

Proverbs 31:10-31

INTRODUCTION:

On May 19, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time of "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."

- "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" (Prov 31:30).

- I. **SHE IS A WOMAN OF CHARACTER** (vv. 10-12; 23)
 - A. Her husband has full confidence in her (v. 12)
 - B. She lives up to his trust (Prov 12:4)
- II. **SHE IS NOT AFRAID OF WORK** (vv. 13-22; 27)
 - A. She uses her hands (vv. 13-15; 24)
 - B. She takes care of the family's food (v. 14, 15)
 - C. She uses her head (vv. 16-19)
- III. **SHE IS GENEROUS** (v. 20)
 - A. She provides for the poor and needy
 - B. She is concerned about her family and others (Ps 41:1; Prov 14:31)
 - C. Her true love is shown in deed and truth (1 John 3:16-18)
- IV. **SHE IS READY FOR TOUGH TIMES** (v. 21-22; 25)
 - A. She is not anxious
 - B. She plans ahead and trusts in God
- V. **SHE IS A TEACHER OF WISDOM** (v. 26)
 - A. She teaches her children what is right (Prov 1:8; Eph 6:1-2)
 - B. She is a positive influence to her husband
 - C. Her words are of wisdom (James 1:5; James 4:2)
- VI. **SHE IS WORTHY OF PRAISE** (vv. 28-29; 31)
 - A. Her children "call her blessed" (v. 28)
 - B. "Her husband ... praiseth her" (v. 28)
 - C. Give her the reward she has earned and let her works bring praise (v. 31)
- VII. **SHE FEARS THE LORD** (v. 30)
 - A. She is committed to the Lord
 - B. She is devoted to pleasing God (1 Pet 3:3-4; Prov 1:7; 4:23; 8:13; 9:10)

CONCLUSION:

- A. Thank God for our mothers. Thank God for all the blessing that your mother has brought into your life.
- B. ABC's of Salvation
- C. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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"... the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa 40:8)