

THE MOTHERS GOD FAVORS
Proverbs 31:10-31
Sermon Outline & Devotional Guide (Mother's Day)
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What Kind Of Mother Does God Favor?

1. A mother with godly _____ and Holy Spirit _____ (vv. 10-12).

- In verse 10, the Hebrew word translated as “virtuous” is the the Hebrew word [חַיִל, hayil]. Meaning — God never compromises His integrity and the mother God favors is a mother who _____ compromises her virtue, her character or her integrity.
- Godly virtuous mothers do not cover their tracks; they _____ the tracks for others to follow because their confidence comes from the Holy Spirit.

2. A mother with persistent Christlike _____ and _____ (vv. 13-19, 21).

† Proverbs 13:24, “Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave” (NLT).

- Mothers who work hard set an example for their children to follow, but mothers who are lazy become a slave. You know what you become a slave to? – _____!

† Proverbs 10:26, “Having a lazy person on the job is like a mouth full of vinegar or smoke in your eyes” (CEV).

† Proverbs 13:4, “No matter how much you want, laziness won't help a bit, but hard work will reward you with more than enough” (CEV).

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

† Hebrews 13:2, “Be sure to welcome strangers into your home. By doing this, some people have welcomed angels as guests, without even knowing it” (CEV).

† 1 Peter 3:8, “Be agreeable, be sympathetic, be loving, be compassionate, be humble” (MES).

- Now the reason Peter writes this is because _____ times in the Gospels it says this about Jesus: “He had compassion on the people.”

3. A mother with spiritual _____ and humble _____ (vv. 25-27).

- In Proverbs 31:25, the word “clothed” is used. To understand what the Bible means here, we have to look at the verb “clothed.” It is the Hebrew word [לְבוּשׁ, lavuah] and it is the word that refers to the clothing worn by a king. It is a word that refers to the _____ a king puts on as he prepares to go to battle against an enemy.

† Ephesians 6:12-13, “This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the devil and all his angels (demons). ¹³Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet” (MES).

† Luke 22:32, “Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, Simon, satan has asked to have you, to sift you like wheat, ³²but I have pleaded in prayer for you that your faith should not completely fail” (TLB).

- The best way a mother can fight for the souls and lives of their children is the same way Jesus did — through _____.
- This The Hebrew word translated as “strength” in Proverbs 31:25 is the Hebrew word [רֹעַ, oza]. It is the word that means “protection, refuge.” Also, in addition to this, this phrase was also used metaphorically in Hebrew to refer to having a _____.
- The Hebrew word translated as “dignity” in Proverbs 31:25 is [הֹדָר, hadar] and it originally referred to an _____. When used in reference to a king, it referred to the majesty and glory of the king. When we look in other ancient texts as to how this word is used of women, it always refers to a woman who has a _____ appearance.

- † *Proverbs 31:30, "Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised" (NLT).*
- † *Proverbs 31:28-29, 31, "Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: ²⁹There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all! . . . ³¹Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise" (NLT).*

Next Steps Devotional Guide

1. What do you think are the most difficult and challenging aspects to being a godly mother today and why?
2. If you are a parent, especially a mother, do you pray for your children to be able to resist the temptations and vulnerabilities of the devil and demons regularly? Why or why not?
3. Do you worry about your children? Why? Read Philippians 4:6 in your Bible. Do you think this is possible? Why or why not? If not, why do you think God would command us not to do this if it is possible? And since this is possible, how do you think it is possible and are you willing to try? Why or why not?
4. If your mother is still living and is a Christian, would you consider giving her a Proverbs 31:10-31 Completion Certificate that you make up yourself?
5. If your mother is deceased and gone on to heaven, would you take some time to write out what you really appreciated about your mother and then find someone to share that with in the near future.