

Week 4: A Woman of Wisdom

Day One:

1. Read Proverbs 31:24-25

Again we are focused on clothing! See. . . fashion has always been important!

Proverbs 31:24 describes for us an industrious woman who takes her spinning to a WNL (whole-notha-level).

Her linen is fine and highly valued. She even creates girdles – remember our study of Proverbs 31:17. These girdles were highly sought after because they helped men and women alike move easily in their tunics.

We can make an educated assumption that because of the word used, *câchar*, which literally means to travel around, these merchants were either seafaring or traveled a long distance. Perhaps this is how our godly wife got her purple dye from the shores of Tyre.

Day Two:

1. Repeat aloud Proverbs 31:25-26 five times.

2. Write down any thoughts you have about these verses.

Day Three:

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Day Four:

1. Read Proverbs 31:25

Strength and honor are her clothing. Not available at any store or Ebay auction, these are pieces that adorn the inner man.

2. Read Ephesians 6 for a description of another holy outfit.

Do you know that God has a sense of humor? After all. . . why else would He make back hair? (Just kidding. . .) It is ok to have a good belly laugh. What better way than to laugh at the time come?

Because this wise woman is a hard worker, because her household is provided for, because she has faith/fear in God, she is able to laugh at whatever life throws at her.

3. Read Psalm 2.

Here, the world's nations are gathering together to wage war upon God/Jesus at the battle of Armageddon. Imagine it! Oozies and Nukes pointed to the heavens—ready to battle God. “He who sitteth in the heavens shall laugh.” This is the same phrase for laugh as our worthy woman.

And it is the privilege of every woman or man who is a believer in Christ to confidently laugh at the future.

4. Read Romans 8:38 and the promise . . . regardless of things to come.

Day Five:

1. Read Proverbs 31:26

We have learned much about the woman's use of her hands – reaching out to the poor, spinning wool, feeding her family. This is the first time we are welcomed to the use of her mouth.

2. Are you proud of what comes out of your mouth? In Matthew 12:34, the Lord shares, “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”

The word “kindness” or in Hebrew *hesed* might also be translated as mercy, lovingkindness or goodness. The term “law” may be defined as instruction. Think of it like this: likely this woman does not lose her cool when her child spills blue paint on the carpet. Instead, she lovingly gives direction to her child to guide them away from this behavior.

She is a godly teacher.

3. Read Proverbs 1:8. Some translations read, “. . . and forsake not the *law* of thy mother.” Same words used!

Day Six:

This week has been interesting in study. This week we have addressed the characteristics of the godly wife that are not easily checked off a to do list. You can spin and be a good homemaker and get up early without having a great character or great attitude, but concepts like honor and peace and wisdom are a little harder to come by.

1. Reflect upon those intangible characteristics for your life. Do your words and actions demonstrate that you are honorable?

2. Nothing materialistic is guaranteed in life. Even hard work doesn't always provide financial reward. What is the key for you to laugh at the days to come?

The Book of Proverbs in its entirety is a guide to chasing after wisdom and turning your back on foolishness and sin. It is a great resource to begin your transformation into the godly woman.

3. For the next month, I suggest you commit to reading one chapter of Proverbs a day. It is a small commitment for only 31 days.
4. In your notebook, right out a prayer based on Proverbs 31:26. We do this because we are literally asking God for what we know He wants for our lives. It confirms that we desire God's Will. Here's an example:

Father God, increase my wisdom and help me to only allow wisdom to spill from my mouth. Help me to keep the law of kindness upon my tongue. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.