

## Her Children Rise Up

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Happy Mother's Day to all you moms here this morning!

I want to encourage you this morning to keep on doing what may well be the most important and influential job in the world; simply being a mom.

Each of you is called of God to dedicate yourself to being a Godly mom. Whatever else you may do, few things will matter as much as your influence as a mom and a grand mom.

What is a Godly mom like? What does she do all day? How does she live? How does she spend her time?

The most thorough example and description of a Godly mom is found in Proverbs Chapter 31.

### Proverb 31:10-28

- 10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
- 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.
- 12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
- 13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

- 14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
- 15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
- 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
- 17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
- 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: her candle goeth not out by night.
- 19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
- 20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household *are* clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and purple.
- 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
- 24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
- 25 Strength and honor *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
- 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.
- 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

**28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed;** her husband *also*, and he praiseth her.

Today we are going to give some of our children an opportunity to rise up and talk about their moms; and maybe even a husband or two.

But, before we do, I would like to share with you some things you may not know about this virtuous woman we are reading about.

The Chapter starts out in verse one:

**Proverb 31:1-9**

- 1 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.
- 2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?
- 3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.
- 4 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:
- 5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.
- 6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.
- 7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.
- 8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

## **I. These are the words of King Lemuel.**

*A. King Lemuel is Solomon.*

1. Lemuel means “belonging to God.”
2. This was written by Solomon, and Lemuel is apparently a title by which King Solomon was known by those close to him.
3. It might have been his mom’s pet name for him. Did your mom have a special name for you?

*B. The first nine verses are Solomon reiterating some of the things he was taught by his mother as he was growing up.*

1. She warns him about women; he did not listen.
2. She warns him about the dangers of drinking; it is for those who have no hope; it is not for us!
3. She admonishes him to take up the cause for those who are in need.

Then Solomon begins to tell us what he saw in his mother as he was growing up.

## **II. Lemuel describes his mother.**

*A. He calls her virtuous.*

1. You do understand; this is Bathsheba.
2. This is the lady that used to be married to a man named Uriah.
3. This is the lady that used to bathe naked on the roof top in sight of the king's palace.
4. This is a lady who was personally qualified to warn someone about the wrong kind of women.

*B. But, Bathsheba is no longer who she used to be!*

1. Ladies, do you know what this means?
2. It means that you are not a prisoner of your past!
3. It means that even though some of you may not have started out as virtuous, the Lord can change all that.
4. It means that those who say you can never amount to anything for God because you have been divorced or because you had less than a Godly past reputation are just WRONG!

*C. Sometimes those who work the hardest and accomplish the most are the ones who think they have the most to overcome.*

1. All these attributes we read about Bathsheba are worthy and should be emulated by every woman.

2. But let me remind you of this; if you have placed your trust in Jesus to save you from your sins, He has overcome for you!

3. Forgiveness is a marvelous thing!

4. **Romans 8:31-33**

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

**III. What we read here is what her son saw her doing as he was with her and around her growing up every day.**

*A. What do your children see you doing every day?*

1. Do they see you doing their dad good and not evil every day?

2. Do they see you working hard; teaching them to work hard?

3. Someone (probably from East Texas) said that verse 14 proves that women ought to barbeque. "She bringeth her food from afar."
4. Do they see you up early taking care of your household?
5. Do they see you taking care of yourself physically? You will likely live long enough to wish you had taken good care of yourself!
6. What about that law of kindness in her mouth? That's got to be that law that mothers teach which says, "If you can't say something good about somebody, don't say anything at all."
7. Do your children ever hear you gossip about others?
8. Do they see you reading God's Word; do they hear you pray?

*B. What your children and your husband say about you speaks volumes.*

1. **Proverb 31:28** Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her.

2. Let's find out.

**In Conclusion:**

**Conclude with children and dads sharing  
something special about mom.**