

## Words of Lemuel

### Proverbs 31 pt. 3

“She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all in her household are doubly clothed.” -Proverbs 31:21

**As we reflect on the role of a noble wife, what are some ways working women encourage their families today?**

\*Economic E\_\_\_\_\_ \*M\_\_\_\_\_ resilience \*Love in a\_\_\_\_\_

\*Raising E\_\_\_\_\_ \*Building C\_\_\_\_\_ in their children

\*Teaching independence

“I had to make my own living and my own opportunity, but I made it! Don’t sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them.”

-Madam C.J. Walker

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**13-15 She selects wool and flax and works with willing hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and portions for her female servants.**

**How does a noble wife/virtuous women work?**

With her h\_\_\_\_\_

*Notice how King Lemuel describes her **attitude** towards work:*

- **W\_\_\_\_\_**: Hebrew word meaning acceptable, delight, desire, pleasant. This speaks to the attitude of a woman who wants to work. Colossians 3:23

**What would be a contrast to this?**

✓ P\_\_\_\_\_ work ethic, grudging or c\_\_\_\_\_ : Proverbs 18:9

- **M\_\_\_\_\_ ships**: meaning she is the one who brings things into the home that cannot be made there. This would be like g\_\_\_\_\_ shopping today.

**What are some characteristics of a good shopper?**

\*Budget a\_\_\_\_\_ \*Planning \*Price c\_\_\_\_\_ skills

\*Patience \*Avoiding e\_\_\_\_\_ spending \*A\_\_\_\_\_

**What would be a contrast?**

\*No p\_\_\_\_\_ \*No b\_\_\_\_\_ \*No p\_\_\_\_\_ : Prv. 27:23

- **R\_\_\_\_\_ & P\_\_\_\_\_**: Instead of expecting others to do the job, and or sleeping all day, she gets up and takes care of business.

Essentially, King Lemuel's mother describes a virtuous women as m\_\_\_\_\_ of their household.

**Does this model still apply today? Why or why not?**

\*Show the b\_\_\_\_\_ of submitting to God's \_\_\_\_\_. Titus 2:5; 1 Tim. 5:14

**16-18 She evaluates a field and buys it; she plants a vineyard with her earnings.' She draws on her strength and reveals that her arms are strong. She sees that her profits are good, and her lamp never goes out at night.**

**What is another way a virtuous woman works?**

With her m\_\_\_\_\_

*Notice how King Lemuel describes the **aptitude** of her work:*

- **E\_\_\_\_\_**: The Hebrew word meaning consider, devise, thinks, purposed. Her husband trust her to consider the right property to purchase in order to generate income for the household.
- **E\_\_\_\_\_**: Hebrew word meaning to gird or restrain one's self on every side. Putting on a belt or armor; The reason she is physically strong because of the way she thinks about herself. 1 Samuel 30:6; Psalm 27:14; 42:11
- **E\_\_\_\_\_**: Hebrew word meaning to taste, senses, or perceive. She knows the profits will be g\_\_\_\_\_ and as a result her l\_\_\_\_\_ never goes out at night. This speaks to her foresight and thoughtfulness in planning ahead.

**What are some things that may discourage positive thinking in women today?**

\*Gender b\_\_\_\_\_ \*Fear of n\_\_\_\_\_ feedback \*P\_\_\_\_\_

**19-22 She extends her hands to the spinning staff, and her hands hold the spindle. Her hands reach out to the poor, and she extends her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all in her household are doubly clothed. She makes her own bed coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.**

**What is the main idea of this verse?**

How a virtuous woman w\_\_\_\_\_ with her hands.

Notice how King Lemuel describes the **application** of her work:

- **R\_\_\_\_\_ & H\_\_\_\_\_**: Hebrew meaning to maintain, support, attain, grasp. This describes the productivity of her work. Exodus 35:25-26; Ecc. 9:10
- **H\_\_\_\_\_**: Hebrew meaning to extend, spread, stretch, or lay something open. Acts 4:34-35; Galatians 2:10
- **M\_\_\_\_\_**: Hebrew meaning to accomplish, advance, bring forth, to do.

**What are some benefits of applying productivity, compassion, and generosity to her work?**

\*C\_\_\_\_\_                      \*P\_\_\_\_\_                      \*P\_\_\_\_\_

□ Psalm 34:7; Prov. 19:17

**23-24 Her husband is known at the city gates, where he sits among the elders of the land. She makes and sells linen garments; she delivers belts to the merchants.**

**What is the main idea of these verses?**

□ The r\_\_\_\_\_ of her work.

Notice how King Lemuel describes the **altitude** of her work

- **C\_\_\_\_\_ Gates**: Where all civil matters were decided by community elders. Ruth 4:11
- **C\_\_\_\_\_**: Where all residents, travelers, and businesses dealing with wholesale trade. Acts 16:11-15

**As you reflect on the attitude, aptitude, application, and altitude of a virtuous working woman, how can spiritually mature women encourage the next generation of women to embrace this role today?**

**What is one thing you have learned that you are willing to share with someone else?**

“You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it’s right.”-Rosa Parks

