

Words of Lemuel

Proverbs 31 pt. 4

“Her mouth speaks wisdom, and loving instruction is on her tongue.”

-Proverbs 31:26

Why is it important for women and mothers to speak words of wisdom and instruction?

*Emotional S_____ *Generational I_____ *Relational Strength

*Moral & S_____ Grounding

“Instruction begins when you, the teacher, learn from the learner; put yourself in his place so that you may understand what he learns and the way he understands it.”

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25-27 Strength and honor are her clothing, and she can laugh at the time to come. Her mouth speaks wisdom, and loving instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the activities of her household and is never idle.

How is the wisdom of virtuous women revealed?

✓ S_____ & H_____

Strength is defined as boldness, might, and security. Honor is beauty, comeliness, dignity, and excellence. As it relates to how wisdom is revealed King Lemuel says, this is what she wears as clothing.

- Wisdom shows up in how we c_____ ourselves.

Metaphorically speaking, what are some things we should avoid wearing as clothing?

*Old _____ *Anger *S_____ *Bad L_____

□ Eph. 4:22; Colo. 3:8-10

What is the second way the wisdom of a virtuous women is revealed?

- ✓ Her mouth speaks wisdom and loving instruction is on her tongue. Wisdom is the f____ of God, wisdom is the God centered quality of mind and life that discerns what is right and acts accordingly, good sense, skillfulness. Loving instruction speaks to faithfulness, kindness, and mercy.

What are some examples of speaking with loving instruction?

*Affirming G_____ *Encouraging Accountability *Teaching through E_____

□ Mat. 12:34-36; Eph. 4:25; 29; James 1:19

- Wisdom shows up in how we s_____ to others.

What is the third way the wisdom of a virtuous women is revealed?

✓ She w_____ over the activities of her household and is **never idle.**

Watches; looks up, waits for, anticipates movement and announces what is seen.
Never idle speaks to her diligence in planning and working hard.

How can we watch and prepare today for our eternal future?

*Commit our lives to _____ *Continue to s_____ the Lord

*Obey God's _____

□ Psalm 32:8; Isaiah 30:21; Matthew 25:1-13

- Wisdom shows up in how we p_____ for the future

**27-31 Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also praises her:
“Many women have done noble deeds, but you surpass them all!” Charm is
deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the LORD will be praised.
Give her the reward of her labor, and let her works praise her at the city gates.**

In response to the worth, ways, work, and wisdom of a virtuous women, we see everyone giving her praise.

Who praises her?

*Her C_____ *Her H_____

“Many women have done noble deeds, but you surpass them all!”

What are some ways you can offer praise to the virtuous women in your life?

*You are the best w_____ a man could ever wish for!

*You are a great m_____ to our children! *I love the way you take c_____ of us!

How does praise from a woman's children and husband encourage them?

*Affirms Identity *Emotional F_____ *Strengthened Confidence

*Deepened C_____

What causes a woman to receive praise?

Charm, Beauty?? kindness, gracious... King Lemuel says charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting; that is to say, sweet words and c_____ will only go so far.

□ 1 Peter 3:3-4

- Because she F_____ the Lord;

What does it mean to fear the Lord?

*Deep sense of awe, reverence, and r_____ for God

*Understanding of one's own sinfulness *R_____ God's power & authority

□ Luke 12:5

Final word & thought of a virtuous women:

Give her the reward of her labor, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The encouraging call here is to give women the credit they deserve.

The Work she has put in is deserving of a r_____. Not only that, but her works should be praised publicly.

As you reflect on this, what are some ways we can uplift and encourage our women to be rewarded and praised more for the work they put it day in and day out?

*Give specific appreciation *Acts of s_____ *Encourage her g_____

*Celebrate her s_____ *Thoughtful gifts *Public h_____

□ Isaiah 3:10; Galatians 6:7

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

“ I do not wish women to have power over men; but over themselves.”