

Casas Adobes Baptist Church
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LOVE BEHIND THE SCENES
Proverb 31
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Purpose: To Recognize And Appreciate The Ways A Wife And Mother Ministers To Her Family
"Behind The Scenes."

Proverbs 31 is often taught—by a man—as a report card to see how well a woman measures up to the "Ideal Woman". This sort of evaluation was not the intent of this passage. Proverbs 31 was written by a mother—Lemuel's mother—in order to teach her son how to value and appreciate the things a wife and mother does for her family.

In Proverb 31:10 Lemuel's mom summarized her teaching in one-far-reaching statement:
"A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies."

In Proverbs 31:15-27 Lemuel's mom outlined Mom's RESUME.

Besides providing for her family's essential needs she also: respected God, taught others, gave generously to the poor, practiced loyalty, cultivated the trust of her husband, exuded wisdom, used money wisely, developed her skills, worked hard and was humble.

(If your mom didn't do all these things, consider that she may well have done many other things that probably went unnoticed by your family.)

The first section of Proverb 31 talked about the value of a wife and mother. The last four verses—Proverb 31:28-31—described four categories of family and friends who can love, affirm and appreciate her.

Proverb 31:28a: "Her Children Rise Up And Call Her 'Blessed.'"

Proverb 31:28b-29: "Her Husband Also (Calls Her 'Blessed'), And He Praises Her:
'Many Women Do Noble Things, But You Surpass Them All.'"

Proverb 31:30: "Charm Is Deceptive, And Beauty Is Fleeting; But A Woman Who Feels
The Lord Is To Be Praised."

Proverb 31:31: "Give Her The Reward She Has Earned, And Let Her Works Bring Her
Praise At The City Gate."

Homework: Meet one or more of your mom's needs every day.

Acceptance	Comfort
Affection	Encouragement
Appreciation	Respect
Approval	Security
Attention	Support