

Mastering Motherhood

Proverbs 31

The most important job you will ever have...

WARNING:

Will not earn a six figure salary.

Does not include six weeks of vacation

Does not include weekends off.

Does comes complete with stretch marks,
sleepless nights and endless worry.

But, this JOB is so worth it!!!

It is called MOTHERHOOD!

Motherhood is a BLESSING from GOD.

Children are HIS Heritage.

Psalm 127:3 *"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward."*

The Blessing of Motherhood comes with **SERIOUS** Responsibilities.

Think about it---Can a blessing be a blessing and come with responsibilities? Can you really be BLESSED with something that comes with obligations, requirements & responsibilities?

The MOTHER of PROVERBS 31

VERSE 1-- King Lemuel's mother was quite concerned about her son's choice of a wife.

After all, that woman would be her grandkid's MOTHER!!!

King Lemuel's mother wanted a **good, generous** and **godly** woman for her son's wife and her grandchildren's mother!!

King Lemuel's mother was concerned about the **CHARACTER** of the woman that would be her son's wife & her grandchildren's MOTHER.

Her children "*RISE UP and CALL HER BLESSED.*"-- Proverbs 31:28

BLESSED means:

Worthy of adoration.

Worthy of reverence.

Worthy of worship.

Appreciated.

Bringing good fortune.

Bringing contentment.

Bringing pleasure.

How do we raise our children so that they will,
"RISE and CALL US BLESSED?"

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

1. She respected her children's father!!

Proverbs 31:11-12 *"The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life."* Then again in verse 23 *"Her husband is known in the gates..."*

- A. Her husband TRUSTED her.
- B. He has no LOSS of gain.
- C. She does him good.
- D. She NEVER does him HARM!

*What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called **BLESSED**?*

2. She's Dedicated, Diligent and Determined!

Proverbs 31:13-17. *"She **seeks** wool and flax, And willingly **works** with her hands. She is like the merchant ships, She **brings** her food from afar. She also **rises** while it is yet night, And **provides** food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants. She **considers** a field and **buys** it; From her profits she **plants** a vineyard. She **girds** herself with strength, And **strengthens** her arms."*

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

She takes her household responsibilities seriously.

First off---do NOT expect perfection!!
NO one *perfectly*, holds it all together all the time.

At some point...

Something is going to get forgotten.

Something is going to get left undone.

Something is going to have to wait.

IT IS OKAY!!!!

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

Secondly---Stay dedicated, diligent & determined!!!

This is **YOUR** family. These are **your** children!!! This is a **BLESSING!** GOD expects you to put forth your **BEST** effort. (Col. 3: 23. *"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."*)

Remember your KIDS are watching you.

They see your efforts.

They are aware of your "work" ethics.

They know HOW you are living daily.

***What made the Proverbs 31 Woman
worthy of being called BLESSED?***

These three "**D**" words are so important. Be
diligent, dedicated and determined.

In all manners of life...

In the daily running of a household.

But, more importantly in teaching your children
**GOD'S WORD, GOD'S EXPECTATIONS and
GOD'S WAY of LIVING.**

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

3. We see a mother who is **Caring, Considerate, and Compassionate.**

She open her hands & her heart!
She LOOKS for opportunities to help others.

This is completely contrary to the:
“Look out for #1!”
“It's all about me!”
“Entitlement” world.

*What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called **BLESSED**?*

- B. She had a heart that Rejoiced with those that Rejoiced & Weeped with those that weep. --**Romans 12:15**

With a Caring, Considerate & Compassionate heart, we **wont** be **JEALOUS** of another families successes, triumphs, or good fortune.

We **wont** be **caddy and callous** with our words.

We **will** be able to **FEEL** for those who are hurting, we **will** be **thinking of ways we might relieve their pain.**

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

- C. Look for opportunities to help others.
- D. Show our children HOW to help others

Examples:

Cooking for sick.

Helping a new mom clean.

Babysitting for overwhelmed mommy.

Mow an older neighbor's lawn.

Give rides to doctor, stores, etc.

INVITE others into our home.

*What made the Proverbs 31 Woman
worthy of being called BLESSED?*

WARNING!!!!

ONE, JUST ONE, BITTER WORD

about helping will undermined **ANY** and **ALL** teaching that was done. Children know if you're sincere or a hypocrite.

Get your children involved in helping others!

- Let them help make food for sick.
- Make a CARD of encouragement.
- Take them with you to deliver food.
- Have them HELP your neighbors.

Teach your children **HOW** to be **Caring, Considerate & Compassionate.**

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

4. She SERVED, SHARED & SACRIFICED.

Proverbs 31:13-15 ***"She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands. She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar. She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants."***

She sacrificed her:

TIME, SLEEP, WANTS & FOOD.

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called **BLESSED**?

Don't **SHIRK** your responsibilities,
Don't let the TV **Raise** your children.
Don't let the internet **Raise** your children.
Don't let child's **FRIENDS** **Raise** your child.
Don't let the school, babysitter, world, etc.
Raise your child.

YOU are their **MOTHER!!!**

You must be willing to sacrifice your wants,
wishes, desires, time, money, and sleep to raise
up your children the way **GOD** wants!!

*What made the Proverbs 31 Woman
worthy of being called **BLESSED**?*

LOVE is spelled **TIME !!!**

**Training &
Instructing
Minds for
Eternity.**

**Don't let
selfishness ROB
your child of what
they need. They
need your
TIME!!!**

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

5. She was Careful, Courteous and Kind.
Proverbs 31:26b. *"And on her tongue is the law of kindness."*
 - A. She spoke with KIND words.
 - B. Kids need our kind words – DAILY!!!
 - C. Our children should see Kindness Exemplified, every time we speak!

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

God took great strides to teach us the importance of our words.

Col 4:6 ***"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one."***

Eph. 4:29 ***"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers."***

Jm. 1:26 ***"If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless."***

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

Jam. 3:6 "And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell."

1 Pet. 3:10 "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit."

Prov. 10:20 "The tongue of the righteous is choice silver..."

Prov. 10:31 "The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out."

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

***Prov. 12:18 "There is one who speaks like the
piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise
promotes health."***

***Prov. 15:2 "The tongue of the wise uses knowledge
rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth
foolishness."***

***Prov. 21:23 "Whoever guards his mouth and tongue
Keeps his soul from troubles."***

These RULES of speech apply in every area of life!

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

***We must be careful
when we speak.***

***Use our speech to
BUILD UP OTHERS.***

Never allowing:

gossip

lies

unkind words

filthy words

Build up husband

Build up brethren

Build up our family

Build up our friends

Build up our KIDS

to flow out of our mouth.

***Use encouraging, kind,
loving, truthful, pleasant
words.***

*What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called **BLESSED**?*

Remember our words are POWERFUL and INFLUENTIAL!

Listen to your children.

Do you hear them talk in
hateful tones?
Do you hear them being
rude?
Do you hear them tell lies?
Do you hear them speak
in ways that make you cringe?

Listen to YOURSELF.

Do you speak with kindness?
Do you speak with courtesy?
Do you speak truthfully?
Do you speak in ways that
would make others question
your character?

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

6. She is known for her **Wisdom, Watchfulness** and her willingness to be a **Woman**.

Verse 26. *"She opens her mouth with wisdom..."*

When she speaks **WISDOM** flows forth.

She helps her children learn through her words, experience and knowledge.

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

She understands Deuteronomy 6:6-9. ***“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”***

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

Do you want this type of WISDOM?

Do you want to be WISE?

GOD tells us how to become wise.

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

JUST ASK!!!

PRAY--TALK to GOD and STUDY-- GOD TALKS TO YOU!!!
WISDOM, then will flow forth from you to your children.

***What made the Proverbs 31 Woman
worthy of being called BLESSED?***

B. She was **WATCHFUL**.

Verse 27. "*She **watches** over the ways of her household.*"

She is an **INVOLVED MOTHER**.

She **PAYS** attention.

She is **IN THE KNOW**.

Nothing is gonna get by her.

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

She knows what is going on in her kids lives.
She knows who her kids are hanging around.
She sends home kids that...
She turns off the TV...
She changes the radio...
She keeps her eyes on the internet sites...
She is vigilant.
She is aware.
She is involved.

*What made the Proverbs 31 Woman
worthy of being called BLESSED?*

She's got **MOTHER BEAR SYNDROME!**

Ain't nothing going to creep its way into MY house.

Not gonna let Satan come in through the door,
window, internet, TV, Radio, friends, etc.

Why, Cause, I am **MOM---HEAR me ROAR!!!!**
I am **WATCHING--Always WATCHING!!**

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

C. The Proverbs 31 mother was a **WOMAN!!!**

Women are meant to be mothers.

This mother was very busy, very active, very attentive, very strong WOMAN.

She takes being a godly woman seriously.

She FEARS (honors/respects) GOD!

She knew GOD had given her this AMAZING BLESSING called MOTHERHOOD and She takes her role very seriously.

What made the Proverbs 31 Woman worthy of being called BLESSED?

If you want your children to “**RISE** up and **CALL**
you **BLESSED?**”

Use the woman in Proverbs 31 as inspiration.
Live your life according to GOD'S standards.
Set godly examples for your children,
teaching them GOD'S wants, desires and
expectations.

You will have to **WORK** to be a mom, whose
children “**RISE** up and **CALL BLESSED.**”

Motherhood...

Is HARD work

WORTH IT?

FOR SURE!