

**WISDOM THAT WORKS WOMEN AND MEN**  
**Proverbs 31:10–31**

**NOTES**

**I. Characteristics of a Christ-Centered Woman**

- a. COURAGEOUS (31:10–12)
- b. DILIGENT (31:13–15)
- c. ENTREPRENEURIAL (31:16–18)
- d. GENEROUS (31:20–21)

**II. Conclusions for men and marriages**

**Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study**

**For Starters:** Who are your female role models or superheroes, and why? What shifts have taken place regarding the portrayal of women in culture? Discuss.

**The Basics:** Read Proverbs 30:10–31. What stands out to you and why? As a man, woman? This passage was often read during Sabbath gatherings and repeated in Jewish homes. How should it be seen as a celebration of womanhood, not an impossible checklist for women to live up to or for men to hold over women?

**Quick-Fire Round**

1. As you read Proverbs 31:10–31, what characteristics of a Godly woman stand out to you? How are her characteristics personified in both words and actions? Why is she compared to precious jewels in verses 10–12?
2. Read Proverbs 31:13–22 and Acts 16:11–15. She is a leader, an entrepreneur, business-minded, and financially astute. Does this picture represent your life, relationships, and work–life balance? Does it change or challenge your view of Biblical womanhood?
3. Read Proverbs 31:28–31. As a husband or child, how can you or should you bless and/or praise the women in your life, both publicly and privately? How can this passage shape, challenge, and encourage your marriage?
4. Read Proverbs 1:7 and 9:10. Why does Proverbs end with the personification of wisdom as a courageous woman? What is the connection to the overarching theme of Proverbs?
5. What have you learned from the *Wisdom That Works* series that you can apply to your life?

**Activity:** Proverbs 31 was written in Hebrew as an acrostic poem. Write down the name of your mom, wife, or valuable woman in your life and come up with an acrostic poem for her (then let her see it!). *Example: Char – Courageous, Honest, Awesome, Righteous!*

**Community Group Prayer:** Pray through Proverbs 31 together. Pray specifically for marriages, for wives and mothers. Pray for women to find their identity in Christ alone, and for men to hold women in high esteem—more valuable than precious jewels!

**A Closing Prayer:** *Father, thank you that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. I give you the space in my life to mature and grow me so I can become wiser and more like Jesus. Amen.*