

Digging Deeper

1. Read Proverbs 31:1-9. (Ninety-nine percent of the time, when a pastor or teacher directs your attention to Proverbs 31, they start at verse 10 and highlight the attributes of a noble [godly] woman/wife. But during this week after Mother's Day, let's not skip over this opening section.)

What kind of relationship do you think King Lemuel (an otherwise unknown ruler) had with his mother? Why?

Why do you suppose he would include this passage in his short section of Proverbs?

To what extent did *your* mother's advice/example influence the person you have become?

2. Now read Proverbs 31:10-31. Do you think King Lemuel was describing some idealized woman, or his own wife? (Check out the pronoun in v. 29.) Do you think it makes a difference whether he's writing about a real woman or an imagined one?

3. Which of the many attributes of this noble woman do you find most impressive? Why?

Taking It Home

1. How do you tend to respond when someone (especially someone close to you) impresses you with their words or actions? Are you attentive enough to notice? Are you slow or quick to respond? Do you sometimes take loved ones for granted?

If you feel you're not observant enough, why not?

2. The writer of Proverbs 31 certainly put a lot of thought into the *content* of what he was saying. But even more surprising is the thought he put into his *presentation*. Proverbs 31:10-31 is an acrostic poem, with each verse beginning with a consecutive letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

As people come to mind whom you'd like to acknowledge, try to think of creative (or at least out of the ordinary) ways to let them know of their positive influence on you. If your Mom's still around, you might want to begin with her.

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Card”

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