

“The Art of Skillful Living – Week 9”

Proverbs 31:1-31

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WE SHOULD ASPIRE TO BE A WISE SPOUSE, WORTHY OF HONOR, WHO BRINGS HONOR TO GOD.

- 1) NOBLE CHARACTER (vs. 10-12)

- 2) STRONG WORK ETHIC (vs. 13-18)

- 3) SERVANT-HEARTED (vs. 20-25)

- 4) WISE WITH SPEECH (v. 26)

- 5) RESPONSIBLE WITH TIME (v. 27)

- 6) DESERVING HONOR (vs. 28- 31)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK:

Genesis 2:2-3, Exodus 20:8-11, Colossians 2:16-17

Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER: What qualities were at the top of your list for a future spouse when you were young?

- 1) How would you describe someone of “noble character”?
- 2) Why is it rare to find someone with “noble character”?
- 3) Where are the arenas the wife of noble character demonstrates her work ethic?
- 4) How is her work ethic described/illustrated in the passage?
- 5) When it comes to serving, where does she serve and whom?
- 6) What is significant about who and what she creates coverings/clothes for?
- 7) Why is it important to find/be a spouse that is wise with their speech?
- 8) What’s the modern equivalent of “eating the bread of idleness”? How do we avoid it?
- 9) What do her children and husband praise her for?
- 10) How does this conclusion to Proverbs help crystalize what it is to skillfully live in God’s world?
- 11) What is meant by, “charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting”?
- 12) How can you actively work on developing these ideal qualities of a noble spouse?
- 13) How can we pray for you this week?