

PROVERBS 31 vs 1

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These Proverbs were first read by the royal families; the House of **Judah**, who were **the Praise of God**; and the House of **Israel** those who claimed to be **Ruled by God**. In them, you clearly find the path of royalty juxtaposed with the path of royal jackasses -- both small and great. It is crystal clear royalty and people of privilege fell off the wagon; nevertheless, the Proverbs still speak to the way of the wrong, as well as the way of the right.



The Proverbs of Lemuel,

¹ The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

² What, O my son? and what, O son of my womb? and what, O son of my vows?

³ Do not spend your strength on women, nor your ways to what destroys kings.

⁴ It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; or for princes strong drink:

⁵ lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert all the justice of any who are afflicted.

⁶ Give strong drink to him who is ready to perish, and wine to him whose heart is heavy.

⁷ Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and his misery remember no more.

⁸ Open your mouth for the mute, in the cause for all left on the verge of death.

⁹ Open your mouth, judge rightly, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

Lemuel means “devoted to God” and was the nickname Bathsheba called her son Solomon as he grew up. And undoubtedly having one of the smartest kids in the world, he was always asking questions. What son? As she gave him the best advice, she could see he was already much inclined to women and wine. Don’t devote all your energy to sex; or dedicate your life to destroying kings. But did this son listen to her? From the other books, apparently not.

The very capable wife,

¹⁰ Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.



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¹¹ The heart of her husband leans on her, he will have no lack of gain.

¹² She does him good and not evil all the days of her life.

¹³ She seeks wool and flax, and works willingly with her hands.

¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships; she brings her food from afar.

¹⁵ She rises while it is yet night, and gives food to her household, and a portion to helpers.

¹⁶ She considers a field, and buys it: with the profits of her hands she plants a vineyard.

¹⁷ She girds her vital parts with strength, and strengthens her arms.

¹⁸ She perceives her merchandise is good: her lamp does not go out at night.

¹⁹ She lays her hands to the spindle, and her hand holds the staff.

²⁰ She extends her hands to the poor; yes, her hands reach to the needy.

This description of the virtuous woman is to show what wives the women should make; and what wives the men should take; it consists of 22 verses. She is a busy and industrious woman, always turning in her mind, sharpening her skills; and preparing her next interests. She is not a busybody; yet she is never too busy to neglect what the Lord does daily: to gladly help those less fortunate.

²¹ She does not fear the snow for her household: for all her house is clothed with scarlet.

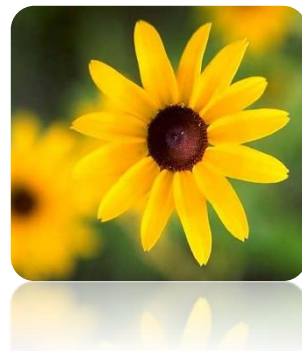
²² She makes tapestries for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

²³ Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.

²⁴ She makes and sells fine linen garments; and supplies sashes to the merchants.

²⁵ Strength and honor are her clothing; and she rejoices at the future to come.

²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom; and on her tongue is the law of kindness
/ Dr. Dallas Willard said, notice the law of kindness, is not in her Bible; nor is it stuck in her mind; it is where it should be.



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²⁷ She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

²⁸ Her children rise up, and call her blessed; **her husband, also praises her.**

²⁹ **Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all.**

³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty fades:

but a woman who fears the LORD, she will be praised.

³¹ Give her of the supplies for her hands; and her own works will praise her in the gates.



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O Come Let Us Adore Him

The Spirit and the Bride Say Come

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