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**PROVERBS, LESSON 9:
THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN**



PROV. 31:10

- “An excellent wife”
- Heb. *ḥaiyl* or *ḥayil* can mean excellent, strong, valiant, able, efficient, virtuous, noble, worthy, capable, competent, good, prudent, or accomplished.

PROV. 31:10

- “An excellent wife”
- It’s the word used in describing David and his mighty men of valor (1 Sam.16:18; 1 Chr. 12:8).
- Boaz uses it to describe Ruth (3:11).

Worth More than Jewels



Compare the Wife & Wisdom

- [Wisdom] is more precious than jewels (Prov. 3:15).
- Wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her (Prov. 8:11).

SIMPLE ACROSTIC

- Jesus
- Others
- You

Agonizing I wept
Bitterly.
Crying because all my
Dreams had just
Evaporated.
Future
Goals seemed
Hopeless.

I
Just
Kept
Languishing
Mindlessly.
Not thinking clearly and
Overwhelmed I started
Pitying myself.

Quietly the Spirit
Reminded me of the
Savior's love and
Totally
Ultimate
Victory! I am a
Winner in Christ!
Xtremely I say!
Yes! For Him I shall be
Zealous!

Inverted Parallelism (Chiasmus)

- A. High value of a good wife
(10, 30-31)
- B. Wife benefits her husband &
children (11-12, 28-29)
- C. Wife works hard (13-19, 27)
- D. Wife puts wisdom into practice
(20, 26)

Inverted Parallelism (Chiasmus)

- E. No fear of what's to come
(21a, 25b)
- F. Clothing of household & of wife
(21b, 25a)
- G. Wife's linen handiwork at home
& in the marketplace (22, 24)
- H. Public respect for husband
(v.23)

KING LEMUEL

- “Devoted to God”
- Solomon?
- Jedidiah =
“Beloved of God”
(2 Sam. 12:25)
- Bathsheba—the wise
queen mother?



What She Teaches Us

- Our husbands should be able to trust us to do them good as long as they live (11-12).
- We should enjoy the work God has given to us and do it eagerly (13).

What She Teaches Us

- Our shopping should provide a variety of interesting, nutritious foods for our families (14).
- We should get up early & provide for the needs of our households (15).

What She Teaches Us

- We should manage household finances and investments well (16).
- We should work hard and maintain our health & strength (17).
- We should be wise in business dealings and plan ahead (18).

What She Teaches Us

- We shouldn't waste time (19).
- We should care about & help the needy (20)
- We should be well prepared for the future (21).
- We should have self-respect (22)

What She Teaches Us

- Our lives should reflect well on our husbands. We must respect & honor them as we would have others do (23).
- We should be willing to work from home to help with our families' needs (24).

What She Teaches Us

- We should be strong, dignified, & optimistic (25).
- We should be wise & kind in teaching others (26).
- We should manage resources carefully and not be lazy (27).
- Most of all, we should fear the Lord (30).

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PROVERBS 31:30



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*The fear of the LORD is the
beginning of wisdom, and
the knowledge of the **Holy**
One is understanding.*

Proverbs 9:10



Christ

IN WHOM ARE
hidden
ALL THE
treasures
OF WISDOM
and knowledge.

Colossians 2:3 NIV