

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

His Family Proverbs 31

Mary is called to be Jesus' mother and alerted that there will be difficulty.

Luke 2:34–35 (NKJV) — 34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against 35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

God's Word not only instructs us, but also defines us.

Hebrews 4:12–13 (NKJV) — 12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

How does God's Word define a woman's character?

Proverbs 31:10–31 (NKJV) — 10 Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.

This is to say that there is no substitute. She isn't a thing or a means to an end. She is strong, she has ability, she has substance.

11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

She thinks of others and acts in a way to benefit others.

13 She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar. 15 She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants.

In her work she does what is needed. She is considerate to others.

16 She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard.

She thinks about things. She makes plans. She is an entrepreneur

17 She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms.

She stretches herself and desires to be up to the task, to be ready. Works hard.

18 She perceives that her merchandise is good, And her lamp does not go out by night.

She values and seeks quality.

19 She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle.

She knows her craft. She becomes a skilled and hard worker.

20 She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.

She cares. She has compassion and does something with it.

21 She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household is clothed with scarlet. 22
She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

She doesn't just take care of her family she makes them resplendent.

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

This implies she's had something to do with it. She fortifies and strengthens who he is.

24 She makes linen garments and sells them, And supplies sashes for the merchants.

She works. She accomplishes things. She's industrious.

25 Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come.

She is an awesome person, but it is intentional. (Laughs without fear of the future NLT)

26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness.

She can correct and guide. She does it with kindness.

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

She's attentive to things. She's productive with her time.

28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her:

29 “Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all.”

She should be appreciated and complimented.

30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

She invests in her character. She doesn't try to manipulate people. She seeks God's favor.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates.

Give her what she deserves. Let her be praised by others.
How does Jesus define a families actions?

Mark 3:31–35 (NKJV) — 31 Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him. 32 And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, “Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You.” 33 But He answered them, saying, “Who is My mother, or My brothers?” 34 And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! 35 For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother.”

Jesus cares about His mother

John 19:25–37 (NKJV) — 25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!” 27 Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. 28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. 30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

He died so that he could draw all to Himself.

John 12:28–36 (NKJV) — 28 Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.” 29 Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” 30 Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. 31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.” 33 This He said, signifying by what death He would die. 34 The people answered Him, “We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?” 35 Then Jesus said to them, “A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. 36

While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.” These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

We don't measure up. We can't do it alone. We weren't supposed to.
He will take care of us.