

# Family Think Sheet: Proverbs 31: 10-31

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PR 31:10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

PR 31:11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.

PR 31:12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

PR 31:13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.

PR 31:14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.

PR 31:15 She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls.

PR 31:16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

PR 31:17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.

PR 31:18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

PR 31:19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

PR 31:20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

PR 31:21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

PR 31:22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.

PR 31:23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

PR 31:24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.

PR 31:25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

PR 31:26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

PR 31:27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

PR 31:28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

PR 31:29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

PR 31:30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

PR 31:31 Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

**AS A FAMILY** - spend some time this week reading through these verses. They are written below in three different versions to help gain differing perspectives.

1. Read each verse and write words or short phrases that describe her character in the space below.
2. Have a shot at writing your own acrostic from these character traits. This could be a long one (like Mrs McEwan's) or miss out words that are similar to each other and write a shorter one using a related phrase (such as "LIVE WISELY") instead of the alphabet for the first letters of each line.
3. I am putting together a small book called "Wisdom for Kids and Kings" – if you'd like your poem included, please send it to me at the above email address!

<b>Verse 10</b>	<b>The Message</b>	<b>NIV</b>	<b>KJV</b>
	A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.	A good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds.	Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
<b>Verse 11</b>			
	Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.	Her husband trusts her without reserve, and never has reason to regret it.	The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.
<b>Verse 12</b>			
	She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.	Never spiteful, she treats him generously all her life long.	She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
<b>Verse 13</b>			
	She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.	She shops around for the best yarns and cottons, and enjoys knitting and sewing.	She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
<b>Verse 14</b>			
	She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.	She's like a trading ship that sails to faraway places and brings back exotic surprises.	She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
<b>Verse 15</b>			
	She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls.	She's up before dawn, preparing breakfast for her family and organizing her day.	She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
<b>Verse 16</b>			
	She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.	She looks over a field and buys it, then, with money she's put aside, plants a garden.	She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
<b>Verse 17</b>			
	She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.	First thing in the morning, she dresses for work, rolls up her sleeves, eager to get started.	She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

<b>Verse 18</b>		
She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.	She senses the worth of her work, is in no hurry to call it quits for the day.	She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
<b>Verse 19</b>		
In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.	She's skilled in the crafts of home and hearth, diligent in homemaking.	She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
<b>Verse 20</b>		
She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.	She's quick to assist anyone in need, reaches out to help the poor.	She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy
<b>Verse 21</b>		
When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.	She doesn't worry about her family when it snows; their winter clothes are all mended and ready to wear.	She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
<b>Verse 22</b>		
She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.	She makes her own clothing, and dresses in colorful linens and silks.	She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.
<b>Verse 23</b>		
Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.	Her husband is greatly respected when he deliberates with the city fathers.	Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
<b>Verse 24</b>		
She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.	She designs gowns and sells them, brings the sweaters she knits to the dress shops.	She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

<b>Verse 25</b>		
She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.	Her clothes are well-made and elegant, and she always faces tomorrow with a smile.	Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
<b>Verse 26</b>		
She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.	When she speaks she has something worthwhile to say, and she always says it kindly.	She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
<b>Verse 27</b>		
She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.	She keeps an eye on everyone in her household, and keeps them all busy and productive.	She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
<b>Verse 28</b>		
Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:	Her children respect and bless her; her husband joins in with words of praise:	Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
<b>Verse 29</b>		
"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."	"Many women have done wonderful things, but you've outclassed them all!"	Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.
<b>Verse 30</b>		
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.	Charm can mislead and beauty soon fades. The woman to be admired and praised is the woman who lives in the Fear-of-God.	Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.
<b>Verse 31</b>		
Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.	Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates. Give her everything she deserves!	Festoon her life with praises. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.!