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THE BEAUTIFUL MOTHER...Proverbs 31:10-31

...Who has been the single greatest influence in your life? A teacher, a friend, may be your spouse? A poll asked this question to more than 4,000 adults. According to this poll, this person was MOTHER.
...On May 8, 1914, President Wilson signed into law that the 2nd Sunday in May be "for the displaying of the American flag and for the public expression of love and reverence for the mothers of the country." It is appropriate for us today to honor our mothers. We love you and thank you for all that you are and do.
...The book of Proverbs closes paying the highest tribute to the virtuous woman who also happens to be a mother. She is absolutely beautiful, you might say, from A to Z!!!! She is priceless.

FOUR QUALITIES OF THE BEAUTIFUL MOTHER CALLING US TO SOUND FORTH HER PRAISES. ...for she is a rare beauty to behold!

I. **She Is A Woman Who Feels The Lord...This Is Foundational To Her Life.(v.30)**

...The Lord is the center of her life, and she has learned to trust Him completely.

- A. This godly mother is not fooled by the deceptive powers of charm. This "charm" is only the veneer of a pleasing personality, and many are fooled by this, but not her.
- B. Though she cares about her appearance, she does not allow physical beauty to occupy the center of her world. Why? Because she knows that such beauty fades like the flowers. "fleeting."
...The "flower of her youth quickly passes." Others things are far more important...character!!
- C. Rather, this mother is a woman who knows the Lord as her Savior and she loves His Word.
 1. She has come to saving faith in the Lord Jesus.
 2. God's wonderful Word has formed her character, "For she fears the Lord."
 3. She is truly beautiful from the inside out!!! Such a thing is real beauty.

II. **She Is So Good To Her Man That He Counts Her As His Best Asset.(v.11-12)**

...She is utterly dependable and supportive of her him. She is a tremendous example for her children.

- A. Her husband's confidence in her is total. He trusts her because she is trustworthy.
 1. She has proven it over and over again. "he lacks nothing of value." (v.11) She is to him a perpetual spring of nothing but good!
 2. She lives in such a way that honors her husband's leadership.
- B. She sees herself as the one who supports her husband and undergirds him.
...She is willing to live for him. No wonder she is such a treasure.
 1. She is a source of encouragement to him. He needs her words and adoration.
 2. However, she does more than just speak kind words, she gets into the action. She is his greatest asset. She is never a liability. With her, her husband is truly wealthy.
 3. He has risen in position because of her, for she brings increased honor to him.

III. **She Denies Herself By Sacrificially Caring For Her Children. (v.15,21,27)**

...Her great concern is to live for her family and care for their needs. This is her delight.

- A. She is not lazy, rising early to attend to the needs of her own. "...while it is still dark..." (v.15)
 1. She sets a powerful example for her children, and they never forget it.
 2. In her daily life, her family comes first, and her family is prepared for whatever.
"...she can laugh at the days to come." (v.25b) She is confident and optimistic.
- B. She willingly denies herself by providing food and clothing for her family. (v.21)
 1. Her children are clothed in "scarlet," (wool) which is better, for she spares no cost in protecting them. She sacrifices so she can give them something a little better.
 2. Like an eagle, "she watches over the affairs of her family." (v.27) She is the manager.

IV. **She Is Industrious, Diligent, and Productive In All Her Labors.(v13-14,16-20)**

..."a man's work is from sun to sun, but hers seems never to be done."

- A. She finds joy in her work and does it eagerly. She has learned to enjoy her daily routine.
- B. She is an excellent shopper, getting the best buys. (v.14) "even from afar."
- C. She runs a business and makes a profit, and gives some of the profit to those in need. (v.20)
 1. She is profitable because she works hard at it, and does not stop at nightfall. (v.18)
 2. She is "clothed with strength and dignity." (v. 25) She "speaks with wisdom..." (v.26)
 3. Therefore, her family responds, they bless and praise her. (v.28) She is beautiful!!!

LESSONS FOR OUR LIVES: