

The Reverent Submission of a Christian Wife
Part II
Proverbs 31:10-31

I. Introduction to Proverbs 31:10-31

- A. Its place in the book of Proverbs
- B. The purpose of its acrostic style
- C. Some observations
- D. Related Passages

I. A structure of Proverbs 31:10-31
The renown of the valiant wife's husband

- A. The inestimable value of a valiant wife (10)
- B. The benefits of a valiant wife (11-12)
- C. The diligence of a valiant wife (13-19)
- D. The generosity of a valiant wife (20)
- E. The valiant wife's fearlessness of the winter a (21a)
- F. The household attired by the valiant wife (21b)
- G. The adornment of the valiant wife (22)
- H. The renown of the valiant wife's husband (23)
- G* The garment industry of the valiant wife (24)
- F* The valiant wife attired in dignity and strength (25a)
- E* The valiant wife's fearlessness of the future (25b)
- D* The wisdom and gracious words of a valiant wife (26)
- C* The diligence of a valiant wife (27)
- B* The praise for a valiant wife (28-29)
- A* The inestimable value of a valiant wife (30-31)

II. A second structure for Proverbs 31:10-31

- A. Introduction: The value of the valiant wife (10-12)
 - 1. Her valued based on her scarcity (10)
 - 2. Her value to her husband (11-12)

- B. Body: The activities of the valiant wife (13-27)
 - 1. Her cottage industry (13-18)
 - 2. Her seam (19)
 - 3. Her social achievements (20-27)
 - a. Opens her palms to the poor (20)
 - b. Unafraid of the winter (21a)
 - c. Household clothed in scarlet (21b)
 - d. She makes coverlets and clothing for herself (22)
 - e. Her husband is respected in the gates (23)
 - d* She makes garments and sashes for the merchants (24)
 - c* She is clothed with dignity and strength (25a)
 - b* She laughs at the future (25b)
 - a* She opens her mouth in teaching (26-27)

- C. The praise of the valiant wife (28-31)
 - 1. Praised by her family (28-29)
 - 2. Praised by everyone (30-31)

IV. Implications for our lives from Proverbs 31:10-31

- A. The abiding worth of the fear of the Lord
- B. The importance of character
- C. The importance of trustworthiness (1 Cor. 4:1-5)
- D. The importance of diligence and hard work with an attitude of delight
- E. The importance of a domestic perspective
- F. The importance of helping the needy with generosity
- G. The importance of wise and kind speech that edifies
- H. The importance of promoting a husband's reputation in the community
- I. We must teach our girls to be the valiant woman.
- J. We must teach our young men to look for a valiant wife.
- K. Should women attempt a career and domesticity?