

PROVERBS 31

PROVERBS 31:1

1 ¶ The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

PROVERBS 31:2

2 What, my son? and what, the son of my womb? and what, the son of my vows?

PROVERBS 31:3

3 Give not thy strength unto women, nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.

PROVERBS 31:4

4 *It is* not for kings, O Lemuel, *it is* not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink:

PROVERBS 31:5

5 Lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.

PROVERBS 31:6

6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

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7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

PROVERBS 31:8

8 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

PROVERBS 31:9

9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

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10 ¶ Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price *is* far above rubies.

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11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

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12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

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13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

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14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.

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15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

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16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

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17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

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18 She perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: her candle goeth not out by night.

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19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

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20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

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21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household *are* clothed with scarlet.

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22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and purple.

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23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.

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24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

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25 Strength and honour *are* her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

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26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

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27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

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28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband *also*, and he praiseth her.

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29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

PROVERBS 31:30

30 Favour *is* deceitful, and beauty *is* vain: *but* a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

PROVERBS 31:31

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.