

# **PROVERBS: LESSON 21**

## **THE ORACLE OF KING LEMUEL**

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### **I. THE WISE ACTIONS OF THE KING TAUGHT TO HIM BY HIS MOTHER (31:1-9).**

- A. Warnings concerning women.
- B. Warnings concerning wine.
- C. Minister justice especially for the poor.

### **II. THE VIRTUES OF THE WORTHY WOMAN (31:10-31).**

- A. Her value (v.10).
- B. Her sphere of praise (v.11,28-29).
- C. Her inward strength and dignity (v.30).
- D. Reasons for praise: (v.11-27)
  - 1. She is willing to work with her hands (v.13).
  - 2. She is industrious for her family's needs (v.13-14, 19, 21-23, 27).
  - 3. She is tireless in her work (v.15, 17-18).
  - 4. She is prudent in management (v.15-16).
  - 5. She is benevolent (v.20).
  - 6. She speaks with wisdom and kindness (v.26).

### **QUESTIONS:**

- 1. This chapter is the wisdom
  - (a) of a mother.
  - (b) of God taught by a mother.
- 2. Lemuel was the son of her mother's womb and her \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3. What is connected with the destruction of kings?
- 4. Why should rulers leave strong drink alone?
- 5. Strong drink is for well people to use to forget their sorrows. (T) (F)

6. In verses 8-9, what does "Open thy mouth" signify?
7. Why speak of a worthy woman's characteristics since verse ten says, "A worthy woman who can find..."?
8. The heart of the worthy woman's husband \_\_\_\_\_ in her.
9. The worthy woman does her husband \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_ all the \_\_\_\_\_ of her \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What is the worthy woman's attitude toward work?
11. Does the worthy woman have management skills?
12. Why do you think she is strong?
13. What was made with the distaff and spindle?
14. This busy woman has time and energy to help the \_\_\_\_\_ .
15. Describe the clothing of the worthy woman's family.
16. Describe her clothing.
17. What **TWO** things come out of her mouth?
18. The worthy woman's **PURPOSE** of working is:
  - (a) to satisfy her ego.
  - (b) to look well to the needs of her family.
  - (c) to show she deserves to sit among the ruling elders in the gates.
19. What is better than grace and beauty?
20. **Thought Questions:**
  - (a) Husbands, how long has it been since you and the children praised your wife for all she does for you?
  - (b) Is work ever to be an end in itself?

