
Wisdom as a Wife
Proverbs 31:10–31
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Introduction

- I. Understanding the passage as a portrait of wisdom. Proverbs 31:10

- II. Who can find a wife like this? Proverbs 31:10

- III. Her character:
 - A. Trustworthy. Proverbs 31:11

 - B. Industrious. Proverbs 31:13–16, 18–19, 21–22

 - C. Clothed in strength. Proverbs 31:17, 25

 - D. Concerned for the poor. Proverbs 31:20

 - E. Speaks with wisdom and kindness. Proverbs 31:26

 - F. Characterized by the ‘fear of the Lord’. Proverbs 31:30

- IV. Her worth:
 - A. A blessing to her household. Proverbs 31:15, 21, 23, 28

 - B. A comfort to all around her. Proverbs 31:29–31

Questions for reflection:

- *The common view of Proverbs 31 is that it is primarily a kind of instruction manual for wives. How does viewing the passage as primarily a ‘Portrait of Wisdom’ change or deepen this view?*
- *Can you think of examples of people who practice the wisdom described in Proverbs 31? Who are they? How do they model this wisdom?*
- *How does Jesus fit into the pursuit and practice of wisdom?*