

2. Proverbs 31:10-31 OT

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

How valuable is a good wife and mother! She is worth far more than jewels.

Her husband and family put their confidence in her and they are never poor.

As long as she lives, she does them good and not harm.

She keeps herself busy providing food, clothing and a good home for her husband and children.

She gets up early to prepare meals for the family and often stays late into the night.

She is a hard worker, strong and industrious. She knows the value of everything she does. She is clothed with strength and dignity.

She is generous to the poor and needy.

She is strong and respected, and not afraid of the future. She speaks with gentle wisdom.

She is always busy and looks after her family's needs.

Her children show their appreciation and her husband praises her. They say, "Many women are good wives and mothers,

but you are the best of them all."

Charm is deceptive and beauty disappears, but a woman who honors the Lord should be praised.

Give her credit for all she does. She deserves the respect of everyone.

The Word of the Lord