Sermon Questions Proverbs 31:10-31

This week on Mother's Day we addressed the significant value of a woman from Proverbs 31. In this text King Lemuel recalls to mind what his mother has taught him about the value of a woman and the kind of wife he was going to need to be successful in his calling. Throughout this great text of Scripture, one learns of God's design, love and purpose for women. In our current culture that denigrates and devalues women, God elevates and encourages women to be the fullness of what God has created them to become. This inspirational and aspirational text not only blesses women but also helps men to understand how valuable women are to them being their best for Christ. God's complementary design for gender is beautiful and our Creator is worthy of praise for His efforts. May this week's message encourage you to trust our God's authority on gender and His design for women.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

A Woman of Excellence Proverbs 31:10-31

A woman of excellence is...

- 1. <u>Gifted</u> and <u>godly</u> (10-12)
- 2. Enterprising and entrepreneurial (13-16)
- 3. Diligent and determined (17-19)
- 4. <u>Compassionate</u> and <u>confident</u> (20-22)
- 5. Catalytic with character (23-26)
- 6. Focused on her family (27)
- 7. <u>Commendable</u> and <u>celebrated</u> (28-31)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it HERE. After watching, please use the following questions, if you find them helpful, in your personal study or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a CADRE now is a great time to get involved. Please email <u>info@bravechurch.online</u> and we help you take your next step.

Questions

- 1. Why is a discussion about gender so important? Who designed and created gender? Why is God so clear about gender? Why should the church affirm and celebrate both the male and female gender? How significant is it that both science and the Bible affirm that there are only 2 genders and that gender is decided even before a heartbeat?
- 2. What does it mean that a woman is gifted? How is she favored? What has that woman done to be in that position? Why is a woman who spends significant time with the Lord such a rare find? Why is she so valuable?
- 3. What is the significance of her husband trusting her? What does this tell you about her character? Why does her husband lack no good thing? Since God is favoring this woman, how is the guy the beneficiary of God's blessing to her? Why is a guy better off married to a godly woman than by himself?
- 4. How does this woman preference her husband? Why does she want to see him do so well? As her husband is successful what does that say about her? Why is being a servant such a great attribute?
- 5. How is woman enterprising and entrepreneurial? What does it mean she is like merchant ships that bring food from afar? How is she resourceful? How does she make the best of circumstances? Why is this a skill she needs? How is she able to add value?
- 6. How is she able to help with real estate? How is this helping her family? How capable is this woman? How valuable is this woman?
- 7. How is this woman diligent and determined? When does she sleep? When does she wake up in the morning? How focused on others is she? How dependent are others on her abilities? Why is she always valued and necessary?
- 8. Why is she described by her strength? How are her arms strong for her tasks? What does it mean that this is a strong woman inside and out?
- 9. How is this woman compassionate? What needs does she observe? How does she meet these needs? Why is this woman of God so confident? How does she display her confidence?
- 10. How is she catalytic in relationships? Why is her husband known as a man of influence? How much is his wife a part of that? How significant is a wife to making or breaking a man? Why should men pay attention to this text when looking for a great wife?
- 11. How does this woman view the future? Why does she speak with wisdom? Why does she speak with kindness? How are optimism, wisdom, and kindness a reflection of the Lord in her life? What does this demonstrate about her character?

- 12. Why is this woman worthy of celebration? Who celebrates her? Why should men celebrate women? What was the significance of having the women stand in our Mother's Day service this past Sunday and celebrate them?
- 13. What was your greatest take-a-way from this week's message? What do you need to apply right now in your life to continue to grow in Christ?