



The Woman Who Fears The LORD . . .

Instructs Her Children In The Ways Of God

(A Study on Proverbs 31)

Introduction

The Bible declares that children are a gift from the LORD, lent to parents for just a short time that they may lay a foundation of faith in God. Parents are to teach their children the Word of God and live before them as Christians, honoring Jesus, and undergirding them with prayer. The Scriptures are filled with teachings and living examples of the wisdom of God concerning children. In Proverbs 31, the Holy Spirit recorded for us a clear picture of a wise and godly queen who instructed her son in God's ways. She begins her teaching by confidently asking him: *What my son? And what, son of my womb? And what, son of my vows?* Because she knew her God and His Word, she had the answers available to her for any question that her son would ever have regarding the issues of life.

THEME SCRIPTURE

The words of King Lemuel, the prophecy¹ which his mother taught him (Proverbs 31:1).

MEMORY VERSE

*Train² up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it
(Proverbs 22:6).*

¹ prophecy: inspired words from God.

² train: to bend, shape, discipline.

How were they to love the LORD? _____

What were they to put into their hearts? _____

How were they to teach His commandments to their children? _____

2. READ Ephesians 6:1-4.

WRITE God's command to children, the reason for it, and the promise if they obey it (vv. 1-3).

What are spiritual *fathers* warned not to do and what are they to do instead (v. 4)? _____

_____ ³

_____ ⁴

_____ ⁵

PERSONAL

How did an adult who was supposed to be caring over you provoke you to wrath as a child?

³ provoke: to anger along side; enrage.

⁴ training: nurture; education, disciplinary correction, chastening instruction.

⁵ admonition: calling attention by mild rebuke or warning.

How have you provoked a child to wrath? _____

III. PARENTAL DUTIES

The following are God's parental duties for children. WRITE out the Scriptures . . .

to teach God's truth (Isaiah 38:19b): _____

to rehearse God's acts (Deuteronomy 4:9): _____

to train (II Timothy 1:5): _____

to provide for (II Corinthians 12:14b): _____

to control (I Timothy 3:4): _____

to love (Titus 2:4): _____

to correct (Proverbs 22:15): _____

to lead in serving the LORD (Joshua 24:14, 15): _____

IV. THE HERITAGE OF THE LORD

READ Psalm 127:1-5.

What does the LORD do to care for His heritage and what is man's vain effort (vv. 1, 2)?

What are children (v. 3)? _____⁶

How will they bless their parents (vv. 3b-5)? _____

⁷

PERSONAL

How have children brought joy into your life? _____

V. THE OBJECT OF HIS LOVE

1. READ Mark 10:13-16.

When some little children were brought to Jesus that He might bless them, what did His disciples do (v. 13)?

⁶ heritage: a possession.

⁷ gates: the main entrance to the city where all of life's important transactions took place.

Jesus was moved with indignation toward them. What teaching and warning did He give to His disciples (vv. 14, 15)?

8

In what ways did Jesus show His tenderness toward these little children (v. 16)? _____

2. READ Isaiah 40:11.

How does our Great Shepherd tend to His little sheep? _____

PERSONAL

How will you start, today, guiding children in the Word of God that He has placed in your life? LIST the ways.

CHALLENGE

READ Matthew 18:1-6. What did Jesus teach in each verse?

v. 3 _____

⁸ let: suffer, hinder them not, let alone.

v. 4 _____

v. 5 _____

v. 6 _____

*Her children rise up and call her blessed*⁹
Proverbs 3:7

⁹ blessed: to be straight, level, right, happy; to be honest; prosper.

If you wish to receive any of the studies on **The Woman Who fears the LORD** write to:

Somebody Loves You Publishing, 22324 Golden Springs Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765
(909) 396-1884 FAX: (909) 396-0553 Email: slymediagroup@somebodylovesyou.com

All Scripture found in this study is from the New King James Bible unless noted otherwise.

Due to the holy nature of God, the first letter of all references to Him,
His holy name, and His Word have been capitalized.

This study may be copied, reproduced, or duplicated with written permission.

©2004 Prepared by: Somebody Loves You Publishing

©2008-Revised