

Mother’s Day Message  
“The Balancing Act”  
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Proverbs 31:10-31

10. “Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.”
11. “The heart of her husband safely trusts her; so he will have no lack of gain.”
12. “She does him good and not evil, all the days of her life.”
13. “She seeks wool and flax, and willingly works with her hands.”
14. “She is like the merchant ships, she brings her food from afar.”
15. “She also rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her household, and a portion for her maidservants.”
16. “She considers a field and buys it; from her profits she plants a vineyard.”
17. “She girds herself with strength, and strengthens her arms.”
18. “She perceives that her merchandise is good, and her lamp does not go out by night.”
19. “She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hand holds the spindle.”
20. “She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.”
21. “She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household is clothed with scarlet.”
22. “She makes tapestry for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.”
23. “Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.”
24. “She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies sashes for the merchants.”
25. “Strength and honor are her clothing; she shall rejoice in time to come.”
26. “She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness.”
27. “She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.”
28. “Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:
29. ‘Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all.’”
30. “Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.”
31. “Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

1. M is for:

- a. Manager – She manages her household; she must be able to train, direct, educate, and prepare a child for life

Proverbs 31:13-15

“She seeks wool and flax, and willingly works with her hands.  
She is like the merchant ships, she brings her food from afar.  
She also rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her household,  
and a portion for her maidservants.”

- b. Mender – She is able to fix things

Proverbs 31:19

“She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hand holds the spindle.”

- c. Mentor – she is a teacher; a coach and advisor rolled into one

Proverbs 31:26

“She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness.”

- 2. O is for:

- a. Organizer – she is one who will bring structure to her household and to her child’s life

Proverbs 31:27

“She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.”

- b. Opportunist – she will seize the moment

Proverbs 31:18

“She perceives that her merchandise is good, and her lamp does not go out by night.”

- 3. T is for:

- a. Trustworthy – her child will know she can be trusted to keep her word

Proverbs 31:11

“The heart of her husband safely trusts her; so he will have no lack of gain.”

- b. Teacher – she will not give a task without showing her child how to complete it.

- c. Taxi – she is always available to drive her children

- 4. H is for:

- a. Helper – she is there to help in time of need; she prepares ahead of time to help stabilize through the winter.

Proverbs 31:21-22

“She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household is clothed with scarlet. She makes tapestry for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple.”

Proverbs 31:20

“She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.”

b. Healer – She stands with her child through the rough places and the wrong choices and helps that child begin again.

5. E is for:

a. Example – She sets the example in the home.

Proverbs 31:16

“She considers a field and buys it; from her profits she plants a vineyard.”

b. Edifier – She builds up her children; she gives them confidence as she encourages them in every endeavor of life

Proverbs 31:26

“She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness.”

II Timothy 1:5

“I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.”

6. R is for:

a. Restrictor – She sets boundaries for herself as well as her children

b. Restorer – She is able to softly and tenderly rebuild and restore in her children what others tear down

c. Refuge – She is a refuge, a safe place in time of trouble

Proverbs 31:25

“Strength and honor are her clothing; she shall rejoice in time to come.”

d. Reflection of Christ – When her children look at her, she reflects the character of Christ

Proverbs 31:28

“Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:...”

Kenyan Bishop Ndimbe's memorable words: “Train a man, you train an individual, train a woman you build a nation.” This is the same as saying, “**The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.**”

We know the only way we can do these things is through Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:13

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

