

Wednesday in the Word

Digging Deeper

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Proverbs 31:10-31

What If?

If you've been a Christian for a while or been in church or even if you're a radio or internet listener, you've heard of the Proverbs 31 Woman. Some of us are privileged enough to have married one. Some of you are one. Some of you were raised by one. 1 Peter 3:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:5. But what if that has not been the case? It would seem that for those of us who have enjoyed this most excellent of lives, we may not be able to relate to those less fortunate. Perhaps you have had a rough childhood with a mom or dad who prevented such blessing. Maybe your own marriage has suffered in a way that has failed to see or recognize such feminine integrity. The elders among us will remember TV shows like Leave It To Beaver or The Brady Bunch. While providing good role models for many they may have been a painful reminder of what was missing at home. What if this applies to you? As we look around our church we see so many young moms who are striving to be what Our Heavenly Father describes in today's text. More experienced moms offer Godly advice and counsel on these things as well. Titus 2:3-5. However, also within our church body there surely exists some hidden pain. Some frustration of failure. Some loss of hope. Some of the best and most loving moms as well, have suffered loss or hurt. While our Creator provides opportunity, healing and restoration, He also sometimes allows even the most devoted to suffer the malady of a broken family. 1 Peter 5:10, John 16:33. As the stability of our nation declines we can often trace it to the breakdown of the family and motherhood itself struggles as an institution. Motherhood has recently been derided by the left as a waste of a woman's potential and an injustice forced on her by society. The roles of men and women have been dissolved and many people are lost in the confusion of identity and purpose. What if this describes you? We can ask why all this is happening, blaming politics, secularism, humanism or experimental spirituality. We can blame religion, culture or liberalism. 2 Timothy 3:12, Romans 5:3-4, Psalm 34:19. As we study answers and reasons we must more seriously study solutions. There is only one reason. Sin. Mark 7:20-23. There is only one solution. Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 2:24. As much as the Lord Jesus Christ provides help and healing we still have the problem of free will. Free will has caused all the failure in this world. Joshua 24:15. From the fall of Satan to the fall of man we have steadily pulled away from the grasp of God. Now as a result, we watch the very destruction of society. Galatians 5:19-21.

What if we stand in opposition to all of this? James 4:7. What if a young lady whose home life has failed were to stand in defense of motherhood? She can look within her own pain to understand that her home would never suffer in such a way. What if a young man who experienced suffering and failure were to see in the very Word of God that a lady deserves to be treated as such? What if young newlyweds turned to the Oracles of God to stand on the decision to build a Godly family? What if a mom who has come to the realization that she has not given her all to her calling were to commit to becoming a Proverbs 31 Woman? What if a dad who has not fully appreciated his wife were to determine here and now to come alongside his bride to support, encourage and husband her into success? What if a young couple committed to wait till marriage and matrimonial fellowship before considering the gravity of

raising children? What if an older man or woman, despite failure, loneliness or pain were to serve their Lord by taking a young couple under the wing to train and edify them so that the cause of Christ would be renewed in their life? All of us have failed or suffered in some way but in the responsibility of free will and in the power of the risen Christ we must take a stand to bring our culture, our nation and our families back into alignment with the intentions of God. Daniel 3:14-18. Marriage, fatherhood and motherhood will only survive if it is our will to see it done and if we are in line with the will of the Lord. 1 Peter 2:15. What if we changed society by convincing our neighbor to change? Romans 12:2. What if we all stood up in solidarity with motherhood and made their job a joy and supported them with love and respect? John 19:26-27. What if?