**Living Wisely – Pr. 31**

**Focal Truth: The excellent wife is praised because she fears the Lord**

**Observations**

1. **Warnings for a king – son – 31:2 – 9**
2. Do not give your strength to women – 3
3. Do not drink strong drink – 4 – 5
4. Give strong drink to the suffering & sick – 6 – 7
5. Speak out for the unfortunate and the afflicted – 8 - 9
6. **Qualities of an excellent wife who fears the Lord – 31:10 – 24**
7. She has the trust of her husband – 11
8. She does good to her husband all her life – 12
9. She works with her hands – 13
10. She provides food for the family – 14 - 15
11. She does business – 16
12. She is strong – 17
13. She lives with assurance – 18
14. She makes things for her family – 19
15. She cares for the poor – 20
16. She is not afraid of hard times – 21
17. She clothes herself well – 22
18. Her husband is known in the gates – 23
19. She sells what she makes – 24
20. **The excellent wife is clothed with strength & dignity – 31:25**

*She is clothed with strength and splendor; she looks to the future cheerfully – Aramaic*

1. **The excellent wife speaks with wisdom & kindness – 31:26**
2. **The excellent wife looks well to the ways & needs of her house – 31:27**

*She oversees the activities of her household and never eats the bread of idleness Aramaic*

1. **The children of an excellent wife who fears the Lord praise her – 31:28**

*Her children declare her happy; her husband praises her – Aramaic*

1. **The excellent wife who fears the Lord excels all other women – 31:29**
2. **The worth of an excellent wife who fears the Lord is greater than jewels – 31:10**

*It is for her fear of the Lord that a woman is to be praised – Aramaic*

1. **The excellent wife who fears the Lord will be praised – 31:30 - 31**