Wonder Woman

Read: Proverbs 31:10-31

Main idea: Women who live faithfully before God in the power of the gospel bless their families and honor their Lord.

Key Verses: "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised." (31:30 ESV)

Key Principles:

- The goal for godly women should never be perfection because that is not attainable, but growth in the direction and likeness of the Proverbs 31 woman is attainable.
- A virtuous woman is precious, trustworthy and far more valuable than any earthly treasure.
- Godly women are hard workers who use their hands and head for the glory of God and the benefit of their family.
- She is characterized by a generous and gracious spirit that shows compassion and empathy towards those that are less fortunate than she.
- A virtuous woman is well aware that life has its ups and downs and she is prepared to face both of these realities.
- Godly women understand the power of words and they use them well to build up, encourage and instruct others towards godliness.

Discussion:

- 1. What does God's design for the family say about the role and importance of women? How do wives and mothers reflect the glory of God?
- 2. How can wives and mothers guard against being crushed by the ideal woman?
- 3. If you are a wife and/or mother, which characteristics from this passage are most challenging to you? Where do you see the grace of God forming you into the character of this excellent woman?
- 4. If you are a husband, how can you honor the women (wife and daughters) in your life as they strive to be faithful to the role to which God has called them?
- 5. What aspects of the wife and mother of Proverbs 31 are abused or ignored by those who reject the distinction between men and women? What aspects are abused or ignored by those who demean women and relegate them to secondary status?
- 6. How does the gospel of Jesus Christ empower us to live faithfully in the roles to which God has called us?

Prayer:

- Pray that the women at College Road would understand and be faithful to their calling.
- Pray:
 - That our church would honor, respect and cherish the women that serve here.
 - That we would disciple and equip women from an early age to follow Christ well.
 - That we would have a heart for reaching the lost women in our community.

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Ι.	A godly woman portrays character in the home.		31:10-20
	1.	Can you be trusted?	31:10-12
	2.	Do you <u>work</u> <u>hard</u> ?	31:13-19
	3.	Are you compassionate?	31:20
II.	A godly woman provides competence in the home.		31:21-27
	1.	Be prepared for all circumstances.	31:21-22
	2.	Be a <u>blessing</u> to your <u>spouse</u> .	31:23
	3.	Be endowed with godly wisdom.	31:24-27
III.	A godly woman promotes chemistry in the home.		31:28-31
	1.	Seek admiration from your family.	31:28-29
	2.	Seek <u>honor</u> from the <u>Lord</u> .	31:30-31

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