

May 2014 Discussion Guide

May 11 – Mother’s Day: The Other Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:1-9 (NIV) The sayings of King Lemuel — an oracle his mother taught him...

The king’s mother told him three things:

Proverbs 31:3 ...do not spend your strength on women, your vigor on those who ruin kings.

Proverbs 31:4-7 It is not for kings, O Lemuel — not for kings to drink wine, not for rulers to crave beer, lest they drink and forget what the law decrees, and deprive all the oppressed of their rights. Give beer to those who are perishing, wine to those who are in anguish; let them drink and forget their poverty and remember their misery no more.

Proverbs 31:8-9 Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

1 John 2:16a (NCV) These are the ways of the world: wanting to please our sinful selves, wanting the sinful things we see, and being too proud of what we have.

Luke 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

May 18: Psalm 145 Sing Joyfully – The Lord is Good! – A Psalm of David

Psalm 145:7 They will celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

“You have just experienced grAce!”

Psalm 145:1-2 I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

Psalm 145:3-4 Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.

Psalm 145:9 The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Psalm 145:10 All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you.

1 Chronicles 15:16 David told the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brothers as singers to
sing joyful songs, accompanied by musical instruments: lyres, harps and cymbals.

Psalm 145:15-17 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.
You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made.

Psalm 145:21 My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

Everywhere, in every place, to everything, God is good.