



Types of Wives Identified in Scriptures Part 3

- **Wife**
- **Mother**
- **Minister (Priest)**

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The Proverbs 31 Woman

Who is she?

- She is a woman of substance who functions in the office of “a wife,” “a mother” and “a minister” (priest), effortlessly.
- As a “wife”, she has specific assignments to her **husband**.
- As a “mother”, she has specific assignments to **her household** and the **household of God**.
- As a “minister” (priest), she never ceases to **advance** the kingdom wherever she finds herself (for example, in her household, the house of God, etc.).

Unveiling the Mysteries of the Proverbs 31.

- Proverbs 31 is a mother's legacy to her son. Which has now become her son's legacy to us.
- Mothers, value the role of "teaching" your children the Word of God. It makes a difference.

Teach them the complete counsel of God and teach them according to purpose.

- Proverbs 31:1-9, King Lemuel's mother taught him on 3 subject matters;

-Women (vs 2-3)

-Wine (vs 4-7)

-Justice (vs 8-9)

- She lays much emphasis on "women" again from vs 10-31. According to these verses, a woman has potential to function as a "wife", "mother" and "minister" (priest).

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- She is fruitful. She bares children (biological, spiritual children).
- She is a (balanced) teacher of the word (vs 1).
- She advises and cautions her child(ren) (vs 3-9 on women, wine, justice).
- She trains them in their calling (assignment). Lemuel was advised as king, not as ordinary.
- She equips the child(ren) with core values.
- She provides specific criteria for the things to look out for in a woman (Proverbs 31:10-31).

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:10 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

¹⁰ A capable, intelligent, *and* virtuous woman—who is he who can find her? She is far more precious than jewels *and* her value is far above rubies *or* pearls.

-She understands her value in Christ and does not seek to obtain value from anything and validation from anyone.

- She is a woman of wisdom (insight).

-She is a type of Proverbs 18:22 woman; Who can find her? A husband! A man of substance; She is pursued. She does not pursue; The one who finds her obtains favor from the Lord.

***Wife, mother, and minister.**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:11-12 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her confidently *and* relies on and believes in her securely, so that he has no lack of [honest] gain or need of [dishonest] spoil.

- She is trustworthy and reliable.
- She brings value, not dishonest spoil.

¹² She comforts, encourages, *and* does him only good as long as there is life within her.

***Wife and Minister.**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:13 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

¹³ She seeks out wool and flax and works with willing hands [to develop it].

- She is industrious
- She works relentlessly to minister to both the children of God and the gentiles, through teaching the word and evangelism.

***Mother and Minister.**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:14 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships loaded with foodstuffs; she brings her household's food from a far [country].

- She goes the extra mile
 - to obtain knowledge (physical and spiritual).
 - apply the wisdom in her home in every area.

***Wife, Mother, and Minister.**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:15 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

¹⁵ She rises while it is yet night and gets [spiritual] food for her household and assigns her maids their tasks.

- She cares about the spiritual health of her household
- She delegates with wisdom.
- Her services to God precede her services to man.

***Wife, Mother, and Minister.**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:16 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

¹⁶ She considers a [new] field before she buys *or* accepts it [expanding prudently and not courting neglect of her present duties by assuming other duties]; with her savings [of time and strength] she plants fruitful vines in her vineyard.

- She is very thoughtful (reasonable, sensible, etc.)
- She does not “rob Peter to pay Paul”.
- She uses her time wisely.
- She invests her strength resources wisely (on important things).
- She is productive (fruitful).

***Wife, Mother, and Minister.**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:17 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

¹⁷ She girds herself with strength [spiritual, mental, and physical fitness for her God-given task] and makes her arms strong *and* firm.

- She strengthens herself spiritually, mentally and through physical fitness.
- She lives a balanced and healthy spiritual life as she fulfills purpose.
- She strengthens her weakness.

***Wife, Mother, and Minister.**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:18 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

18 She tastes *and* sees that her gain from work [with and for God] is good; her lamp goes not out, but it burns on continually through the night [of trouble, privation, or sorrow, warning away fear, doubt, and distrust].

- She evaluates her work (profit) **for/with** God and makes necessary adjustments.
- In difficult seasons, she keeps the lamp of God burning. She is an overcomer. She is not overcome.

*Wife, Mother, and Minister.

The Proverbs 31 Woman

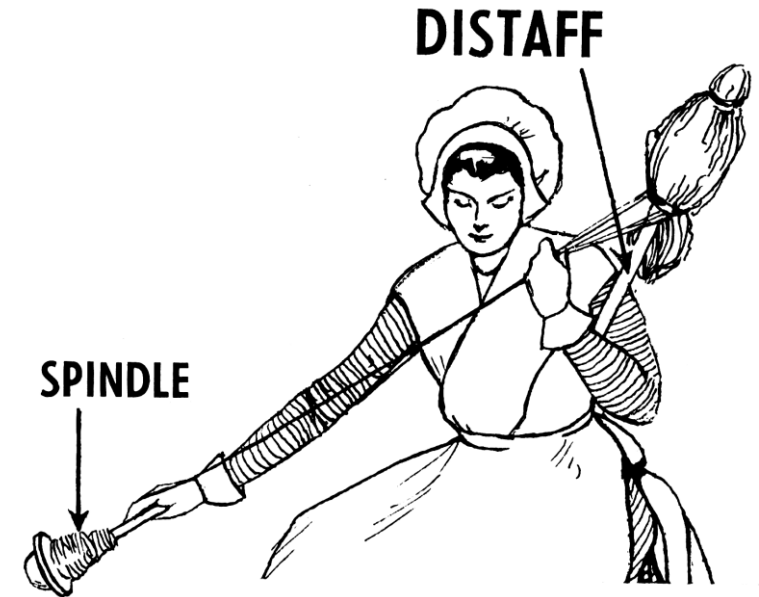
Proverbs 31:19 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

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¹⁹ She lays her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

***Wife, Mother, and Minister.**



The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:20 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her filled hands to the needy [whether in body, mind, or spirit].

- ***Difference between poor and needy**
- Needy in the economical sense means so poor as to be unable to obtain the necessities of life – food, clothing, shelter, etc.
- If you are needy, then you are poor. But if you are poor, state welfare and private charity may provide enough to make sure you are not needy.
- She is rich therefore, able to help the poor, without hesitation.
- She is balanced in body, mind and spirit, therefore, filled enough to offer her services to help those in need (in the areas of body, mind and spirit).
- She always has something to offer. No one encounters her and leaves the same.

***Wife, Mother, and Minister.**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:21 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

21 She fears not the snow for her family, for all her household are doubly clothed in scarlet.

- She is proactive in her care for the family, physically and spiritually.
- She is wise, so she does not allow seasons to take her by surprise.
- She is prudent (sensible)
- Her family is not a victim of changing seasons.

***Wife, Mother and Minister.**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:22 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

²² She makes for herself coverlets, cushions, *and* rugs of tapestry. Her clothing is of linen, pure *and* fine, and of purple [such as that of which the clothing of the priests and the hallowed cloths of the temple were made].

She understands and works from a place of “grace” not the “law”. She is clothed in the anointing and royalty.

Ezekiel 44:15-18 (NIV)

¹⁵ “However, the sons of Zadok, of the tribe of Levi, continued as my priests in the Temple when Israel abandoned me for idols. These men shall be my ministers; they shall stand before me to offer the fat and blood of the sacrifices,” says the Lord God.

¹⁶ “They shall enter my sanctuary and come to my Table to minister to me; they shall fulfill my requirements.

¹⁷ “They must wear only linen clothing when they enter the passageway to the inner court, for they must wear no wool while on duty in the inner court or in the Temple.

¹⁸ They must wear linen turbans and linen trousers; they must not wear anything that would cause them to perspire.

- She is very creative; She is a woman of style and standard/taste; She dresses as royalty; Her clothing reflects that she belongs to a divine class (priests and ministers). Therefore, she dresses like she would like to be addressed.

***Wife, Mother, and Minister.**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:23 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

AMPC

²³ Her husband is known in the [city's] gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.

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²³ Her husband is greatly respected when he deliberates with the city fathers.

- She is a respectful wife. Thereby, fulfilling her purpose (Ephesians 5:33b).
- She speaks well of him in public and sets the precedence for others to do likewise.
- She helps her husband live his full potential by respecting him.

***Wife**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:24 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

²⁴ She makes fine linen garments *and* leads others to buy them; she delivers to the merchants girdles [or sashes that free one up for service].

- She walks in the anointing and leads others to buy into it. By so doing, she frees people up for service.
- She is creative; She is hardworking; She is a servant; She is lucrative.

***Minister**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:25 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

25 Strength and dignity are her clothing *and* her position is strong and secure; she rejoices over the future [the latter day or time to come, knowing that she and her family are in readiness for it]!

- Isaiah 30:15 ...in quietness and confidence is her strength. She wears strength and honor as clothing. She is a woman of character and substance; She is not a pushover.
- She is proactive and always in a state of readiness; She is reliable/dependable; She moves circumspectly.

***Wife, Mother, and Minister.**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:26 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

²⁶ She opens her mouth in skillful and godly Wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness [giving counsel and instruction].

- She is not flippant; does not speak vain words or carelessly.
- She is a woman of substance and it is reflective in her words.
- She gives both counsel (advise) and instruction (direction). Therefore, there is order in her world.

*Wife, Mother, and Minister.

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:27 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

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²⁷ She looks well to how things go in her household, and the bread of idleness (gossip, discontent, and self-pity) she will not eat.

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- **She keeps an eye on everyone in her household, and keeps them all busy and productive.**

***Wife, Mother, Minister.**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:28-29 (AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

- ²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied); and her husband boasts of *and* praises her, [saying],
- ²⁹ Many daughters have done virtuously, nobly, *and* well [with the strength of character that is steadfast in goodness], but you excel them all.

***Wife, Mother, and Minister.**

The Proverbs 31 Woman

Proverbs 31:30-31(AMPC)

Wife, Mother, or Minister?

30 Charm *and* grace are deceptive, and beauty is vain [because it is not lasting], but a woman who reverently *and* worshipfully fears the Lord, she shall be praised!

AMPC

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates [of the city]!

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31 Give her everything she deserves! Festoon her life with praises!

***Wife, Mother, and Minister.**



QUESTIONS



PRAYER POINTS

-Study to show yourself approved....

- **2 Timothy 2:15 (King James Version)**

¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

-Demonstrate understanding by your lifestyle...

- **James 3:13 (New Living Translation)**

¹³ If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.

- **Luke 7:35 (English Standard Version)**

Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.

-Be fruitful...

- **John 15:8 (New International Version)**

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.



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