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Text: Proverbs 31:25 *Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.* ²⁶ *She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.* ²⁷ *She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.* ²⁸ *Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.* ²⁹ *Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.* ³⁰ *Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.*

Introduction: We acknowledge that Mother's Day is a time of celebration for every woman. Being a mother has many applications: natural childbirth, fostering, grandmothers, mentors, and spiritual mothers in the faith. Mother's Day is also a time of remembrance for those who have lost mothers, and a time of grace for those who find this day difficult. Biblical motherhood is far more than a biological function; it is a **divine stewardship** that shapes the future of the Kingdom of God. We honor the sacrificial love, spiritual influence, and divine calling of motherhood in every form.

Today we will see that a virtuous mother is defined by:

1. **The Strength of Her Character**
2. **The Wisdom of Her Words**
3. **The Legacy of Her Faith**

1. The Strength of Her Character

Proverbs 31:25 *Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.*

- **Internal Beauty vs. External Appearance:** In a world obsessed with the outward, v25 highlights "strength and honor" as her garments. This isn't physical appearance, but moral fortitude.
- **Fearlessness:** Because she trusts in the Lord, she can "rejoice in time to come" without fearing the future or the "snow" (adversity) for her household.

Proverbs 31:21 *She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.*

A mother's daily, often unseen "clothing" of integrity and foresight is what provides security for their children.

2. The Wisdom of Her Words

Proverbs 31:26 *She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.*

- **The Power of the Tongue:** A mother's words have the power to build up or tear down.

Proverbs 14:1 NLT *A wise woman builds her home, but a foolish woman tears it down with her own hands.*

Proverbs 18:21 KJV *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof*

- **The "law of kindness"** reveals her disciplined and governed words by not nagging, she teaches. God's Word seasoned with practical wisdom is the foundation for her guidance.
- **Homes become the school of GRACE** as kindness is the primary language spoken.

3. The Legacy of Her Faith

2 Timothy 1:5 NLT *I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.*

- **Unfeigned Faith:** This means a faith without hypocrisy. Timothy's mother, Eunice, lived a faith that was "real" behind closed doors.
- **The Multi-Generational Impact:** Paul credits Timothy's ministry back to the spiritual seeds of faith planted by his mother and grandmother.
- **A mother's greatest accomplishment** may not be what she does, but **who she raises**. She is raising the next generation of the Church.

4. Conclusion

A virtuous mother is defined by her **Strength** (Character), her **Words** (Wisdom), and her **Faith** (Sincerity).

Proverbs 31:30 *Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised*

The Call to Action:

1. **For the Children:** "Rise up and call her blessed" (Prov. 31:28). Show tangible appreciation today.
 2. **For the Mothers:** Be encouraged. Your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
 3. **For All:** The ultimate "Mother's Day gift" is a family united in Jesus Christ.
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Proverbs 11:25 AMP *The generous man [is a source of blessing and] shall be prosperous and enriched, And he who waters will himself be watered [reaping the generosity he has sown].*

2 Corinthians 9:6 *But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. ⁷ Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:*