

# More Than Just a Number



## Session 5 – Rags to Riches Proverbs 31

The words below are from *Proverbs 31* - What comes to mind when you hear these phrases:

- Far above rubies (10)
- Girds herself with strength (17)
- Household clothed with scarlet (21)
- Strength and honor her clothing (25)
- Opens her mouth with wisdom and on her tongue is the law of kindness (26)

### **ABUNDANT LIFE**

God wants us to live a life that is abundant and full. To do that, we might have to rid ourselves of distractions that keep us from being all God has called us to be. To abide in Him and experience his abundance, you have to be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ on the best that He has to offer. There are a lot of good things that will demand your attention. The question is where does God want you to focus?

### **BINDS HER TONGUE (8, 26)**

Think about what words are \_\_\_\_\_ from your mouth. What you are sharing with your children or grandchildren? What are you posting on social media? Does it glorify The Lord? Ask The Lord to show you how to be more faithful in your instruction.

### **IN HIS STRENGTH (17)**

*Verse 17 says, Her arms are strong for her task.*

How would you rate yourself on teaching your children, grandchildren, or nieces/ nephews to rely on the Lord? Satan loves when you gird yourself in your strength. He knows when He can get you to accomplish something on your own, that most times, it will fail miserably. In His strength, not in \_\_\_\_\_ strength. Go back and review *Isaiah 41:10* from a few weeks ago.

### **DRESSED IN RICHES (21-22, 25)**

In these verses, you will find several words relating to how you should dress: scarlet, fine linen, purple, strength, and honor. Do these words describe your spiritual wardrobe? God has reminded me that we also often get comfortable and gravitate toward a similar pattern in our relationship with Him. God wants to take you this week from rags to the riches He offers. Are you willing? It demands a \_\_\_\_\_.

### **EXTENDS EQUIPPING GRACE (20)**

This verse talks about extending a hand to those in need. For a moment, think about how Jesus invested in His disciples. He lived with them, taught them, instructed them, fished with them, and traveled with them. Although Jesus ministered to and loved on the masses of people who followed Him, He primarily devoted Himself to the work of a few so that the masses may be reached more effectively. His number was \_\_\_\_\_ here. He invested in them with an \_\_\_\_\_ focus to train and equip them for when He was no longer there.

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Someone read aloud *Proverbs 31:8 & 26*. Reflect on ***Binds Her Tongue***. Reflect on what you are sharing with your children or grandchildren; what you are posting on social media. Does it glorify The Lord? Why or why not? Share with each other how we can be more faithful toward The Lord in this area.

2. Someone read aloud *Proverbs 31:17 & Isaiah 41:10*. Reflect on ***In His Strength***. What are ways Satan gets us to be self-reliant? Share a time when you relied on your own strength in a situation. Share a time when you relied on The Lord's strength. How can we remind ourselves to rely on The Lord rather than ourselves?

3. Someone read aloud *Proverbs 31:20-22,25*. Reflect on ***Dressed in Riches & Extends Equipping Grace***. How would you describe your spiritual wardrobe? Share with each other how God is taking you from rags to riches. Are you investing in others? Share with each other how you are doing so.

## APPLICATION

What is The Lord calling me to do for Him and for His glory?

## CHALLENGE

Take time this week to read *Proverbs 31:10-31*. Reflect back on ***Abundant Life***. There are a lot of good things that demand your attention. Are you focusing on the BEST things that God has to offer? Is your life abundant and full? Pray and reflect as The Lord leads you this week in your time with Him.