THE IMPRINT OF A FAITHFUL MOTHER



PORTRAIT OF A REMARKABLE WOMAN PROVERBS 31:10-31







Get ready for a winsome, wonderful, biblical look at what it means to be a woman of noble character. She is rare and invaluable in every generation, and what makes her stand head and shoulders above others is her pattern of walking with God. In this survey of the last twenty-two verses in the book of Proverbs, we'll get a panoramic view of the pillars of a virtuous woman's life: her pattern of raising her children in the way of the Lord; her loving commitment to her husband; and the lasting legacy of her character, borne out of making godly choices.



Discovering the Way

1. A Woman's Role (Selections from Proverbs)

The Heart of the Matter

A godly woman's role as a wife and mother are of significant importance; she is the recipient of her children's blessing and her husband's praise.

2. An Overview of a Remarkable Woman

The final verses in the book of wisdom are devoted to women. Written in a form to aid memorization, these are truths passed on from the heart of a mother to her son.

3. A Noble Woman's Attributes (Proverbs 31:10–31)

A virtuous or noble woman is industrious, has a good attitude, is a visionary and wise, is confident and capable, is compassionate and caring, has class and dignity, and speaks with wisdom.



Starting Your Journey

A woman of noble character is rare. Are you one? Are you convinced of your value in God's eyes? And have you been challenged to cultivate such character traits as inner strength, industriousness, vision, prayer, faithfulness, self-confidence, class, dignity, determination, and even a sense of domestic accomplishment?

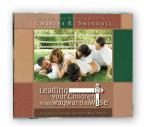




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LET'S MEET THE MOTHER OF MOSES Exodus 2:1–10



The Heart of the Matter

We all know Moses, the Law-giver, the leader of the exodus, the one who shepherded the Hebrew people for forty years in that vast wilderness of Sinai. But have you met his mother? In a forgotten ghetto of Goshen, Jochebed, along with her husband, preserved her son's life by acting in risky and creative faith. In a great twist of circumstances, Jochebed's plan landed her son in the top royal home of the nation. Jochebed was invited to raise Moses during the nurturing years of his life and was able to instill in him a love for God and His people. She then released him to Pharaoh's court in time to get the best education of the Egyptians, preparing him for the day when he would be the Hebrews' long-anticipated deliverer.



Discovering the Way

1. By Faith, Moses's Mother Was Resourceful and Visionary (Exodus 2:1–2) Even from Moses's birth, Jochebed had godly insight that he was an exceptional child whom God intended to use for an exceptional purpose.

2. By Faith, Moses's Mother Launched a Plan to Save Her Infant's Life (Exodus 2:3–7)

As proof that God is in charge of the hearts of all individuals, Pharaoh's daughter was smitten with the baby Moses whom she found floating in the bushes—a plan carried forward by Miriam.

3. By Faith, Moses's Mother Raised Him as God's Appointed Deliverer (Exodus 2:8–10; Acts 7:21–22)

Jochebed had her son only for a short time, but it was a time of true spiritual significance.



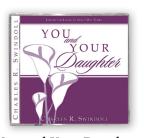
Starting Your Journey

Four lingering lessons come from Jochebed's faith. First, it's possible to overestimate the impact of a godly environment. Second, it's tempting to underestimate the importance of parenting. Third, regardless of the odds, a faithful model is irreplaceable. Fourth, because of the pressures, an available mother is essential.





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