

**PROVERBS 31 | THE VIRTUOUS WOMAN**  
**(A SUMMARY OF RUTH)**  
**PROVERBS 31:1-31**

Now as we close the book of Ruth, we come full circle to where we started. We started Ruth on Mother's Day, and today we will look at a mother's advice to her son in Proverbs 31. She instructs him in his conduct, and she will instruct him in what type of woman to seek for a wife. She defines the **הַיָּתִיבָּא**, the "virtuous woman" or "worthy woman". The phrase the virtuous (worthy) woman is used in only three places in the Bible. It is used to describe Ruth in Ruth 3:11. In Proverbs 12:4: "4 An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones." And in Proverbs 31. According to tradition, this was spoken to and written by King Solomon, who was the son of King David and the great, great grandson of Ruth. As we reflect on Proverbs 31, we will summarize the book of Ruth. We will also answer two questions. What is the model of a godly woman for those women and girls who want to follow God? Secondly, what kind of woman should a man look for if he wants a virtuous wife?

1. Her \_\_\_\_\_. She blesses her husband.
2. Her \_\_\_\_\_. She is a contributor and productive.
3. Her \_\_\_\_\_. Dignity, faith, wisdom, and kindness characterize her.
4. Her \_\_\_\_\_ life. She receives praise.
5. Her \_\_\_\_\_ life. She fears the Lord which is the key to her wisdom and conduct.