

Proverbs 31...not for women only!
Living in a Christlike way in an ungodly world

What is WRONG...what is RIGHT...with us humans?

What our "character" is...

1. Pervasive set of _____
2. _____ of our heart
3. Our _____
4. It shows up _____

The person in Proverbs 31:10-31 (NLT)

¹⁰ Who can find a virtuous and capable wife?
 She is more precious than rubies.

She/he is _____

¹¹ Her husband can trust her,
 and she will greatly enrich his life.

¹² She brings him good, not harm,
 all the days of her life.

She/he is _____

¹³ She finds wool and flax
 and busily spins it.

¹⁴ She is like a merchant's ship,
 bringing her food from afar.

She/he _____

¹⁵ She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plan the day's work for her servant girls.

¹⁶ She goes to inspect a field and buys it;
 with her earnings she plants a vineyard.

She/he _____

¹⁷ She is energetic and strong,
 a hard worker.

¹⁸ She makes sure her dealings are profitable;
 her lamp burns late into the night.

¹⁹ Her hands are busy spinning thread,
 her fingers twisting fiber.

She/he is _____

²⁰ She extends a helping hand to the poor
 and opens her arms to the needy.

She/he is _____

²¹ She has no fear of winter for her household,
 for everyone has warm clothes.

²² She makes her own bedspreads.
 She dresses in fine linen and purple gowns.

She/he _____

²³ Her husband is well known at the city gates,
 where he sits with the other civic leaders.

She/he has _____

²⁴ She makes belted linen garments
 and sashes to sell to the merchants.

²⁵ She is clothed with strength and dignity,
 and she laughs without fear of the future.

She/he is _____

²⁶ When she speaks, her words are wise,
 and she gives instructions with kindness.

²⁷ She carefully watches everything in her household
 and suffers nothing from laziness.

She/he is _____

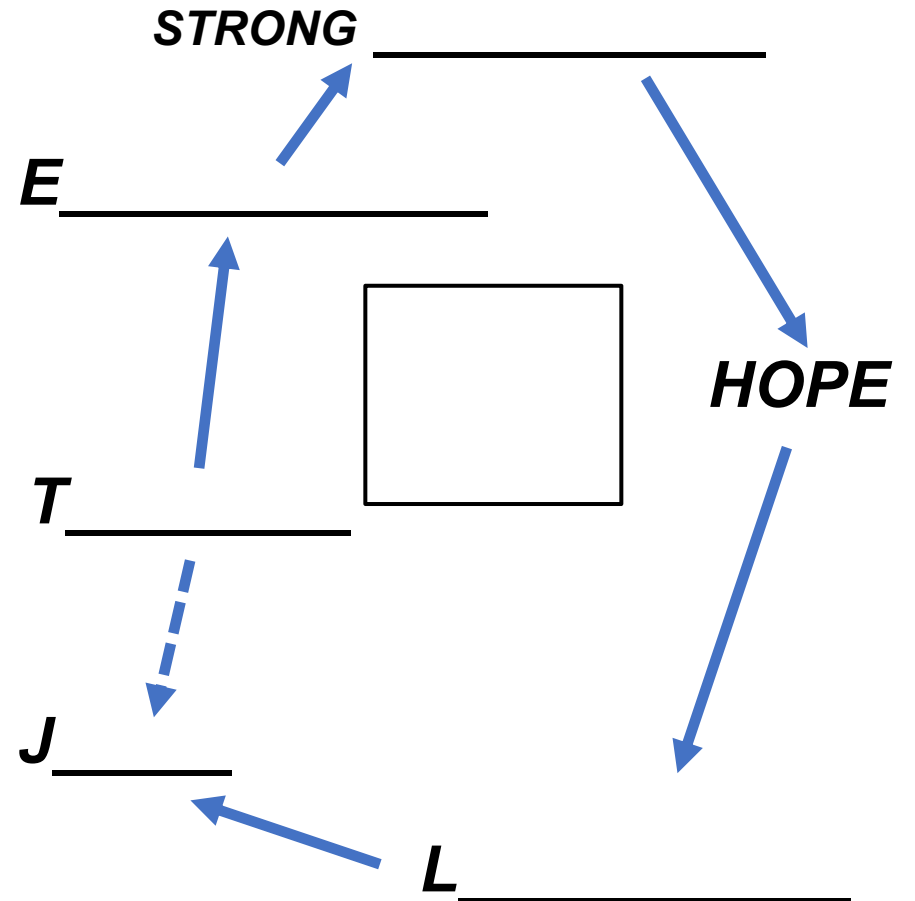
²⁸ Her children stand and bless her.
 Her husband praises her:
²⁹ "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world,
 but you surpass them all!"
³⁰ Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last;
 but a woman who fears the LORD will be greatly praised.
³¹ Reward her for all she has done.
 Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.
She/he has a _____

Some important questions...

- 1st ...a "trick question" from Luke 23:34...**
 Was this EASY or HARD?
- 2nd ...How do I become a person of strong character?**
 You are already _____
- 3rd ...Can I do this alone?**
 A simple answer _____
- 4th ...Who are my partners in all this?**
 _____ & _____
- 5th ...How do I start?**
 SOLO WORK:
 TEAMWORK:

Romans 5 (NLT)

³ We can **rejoice**, too, when we run into **problems and trials**, for we know that they help us develop **endurance**. ⁴ And endurance develops **strength of character**, and character strengthens our confident **hope** of salvation. ⁵ And this **hope** will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly **God loves us**, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to **fill our hearts with his love**.



1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (Phillips)

This love of which I speak is
 Slow to lose patience...
 It looks for a way of being constructive.
 It is not possessive;
 It is neither anxious to impress,
 Nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance.
 Love has good manners
 And does not pursue selfish advantage.
 It is not touchy.
 It does not keep account of wrongs suffered, or gloat over the
 misfortunes of others.
 On the contrary....
 It is glad with all men when the truth prevails.
 Love...
 knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust,
 No fading of its hope;
 It is, in fact, the one thing that stands
 When all else has fallen.

MODERN EXAMEN

1. Lord...what is going on right now?
2. Lord...what should I be thanking You for right now?
3. Lord...what do I need to confess to You?
 To my sister or my brother?
4. Lord...any thoughts You have for me right now?

According to 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

In general, the love that I exhibit to other people is...

<i>patient...</i> slow to lose patience with others	1	2	3	4	5
<i>kind...</i> constructive, caring & generous	1	2	3	4	5
<i>not jealous...</i> not possessive	1	2	3	4	5
<i>not boastful...</i> not demanding to be #1	1	2	3	4	5
<i>not proud...</i> full of humility	1	2	3	4	5
<i>not rude...</i> has good manners	1	2	3	4	5
<i>demanding 1st place...</i> not selfish	1	2	3	4	5
<i>not irritable...</i> not touchy	1	2	3	4	5
<i>doesn't keep track...</i> of times we are wronged	1	2	3	4	5
<i>isn't happy when bad things...</i> happen to others	1	2	3	4	5
<i>is happy when...</i> truth & good things show up	1	2	3	4	5
<i>never gives up...</i> on people or write them off	1	2	3	4	5
<i>never loses faith...</i> keeps on trusting	1	2	3	4	5
<i>always hopeful...</i> looks for the best in others	1	2	3	4	5
<i>endures in every circumstance...</i> not "hot or cold"	1	2	3	4	5