

# She is Strong

Proverbs 31:1 NLT The sayings of King Lemuel contain this message, (lessons) which his mother taught him.

Lesson #1 (v.2,3) O my son, O son of my womb, O son of my vows, **3** do not waste your strength on women, on those who ruin kings.

Lesson #2 (v. 4) It is not for kings, O Lemuel, to guzzle wine. Rulers should not crave alcohol.

Lesson # 3 (v. 8, 9) Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves... Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.

Adultery ruins lives; Alcohol clouds judgment; Justice is for Kings.

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A Woman Who Fears the Lord --- **She is Strong!**

## What Does it Mean to Fear the Lord?

Exodus 20:18-20 ESV Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off **19** and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." **20** Moses said to the people, "**Do not fear**, for God has come to test you, **that the fear of him** may be before you, that you may not sin."

The fear that Moses was telling them to get rid of was the fear of coming close to God and hearing his voice.

The fear that Moses wanted them to keep before their eyes was that God is fearfully powerful and opposed to sin.

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1) Her past doesn't haunt her.

She trusts in His mercy.

Psalm 33:18, "The eye of the Lord is on those who *fear* him, on those who hope in his mercy."

Psalm 147:11, "The Lord takes pleasure in those who *fear* him, in those who *hope* in his mercy."

PRAYER: I feel led to pray over wayward and lost kids today!

2) Her future doesn't scare her.

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Ps 91:1,2;4 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. **2** I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

v.4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge

One writer says, "Her fear of the Lord makes her fearless of man. But it doesn't make her naïve".

She knows how to prepare for the challenges of life.

31:21 ESV She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet.

a) Her joy gives her strength.

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Ladies... the Joy of the Lord is your strength (Nehemiah 8:10)

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### **Why Should She be Praised?**

v. 28 Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her

1) It just feels right.

Honor is something that seems to be missing these days.

2) It honors God.

We must not think here that in praising the woman we are giving to her what belongs to God.

God is honored through praises which come to his people for the grace which he has imparted!

3) It increases her strength.

And now listen husbands and children—a word especially for you, verse 28: "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."

### **Reward Her for All She Has Done!**

v. 31 Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.