Truth Bombs from a King's Mom

Phil Robertson · Proverbs 31:1–31

INTRODUCTION

- When you read Proverbs 31, it is actually the story of a mom speaking to her son. But her son is not a juvenile.
- My son, hear your father's instruction and forsake not your mother's teaching.
- Because every single one of us could be King Lemuel.

1 Live With Self-Control

Proverbs 31:3; Proverbs 25:28; Galatians 5:22–23

- My son, do not give your strength to women, or your ways to those who destroy kings.
- What she is actually saying is, son, you need to learn to live with self-control.
- What King Lemuel's mother is pleading with her son to do is to recognize strength comes from the Lord.
- A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.
- Here's how self-control is often lost. Because of a desire for instant gratification.

2 Be Mindful of Wisdom

Proverbs 31:4–7

- It is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to take strong drink, lest they drink and forget what has been decreed, and pervert the rights of all the afflicted.
- She's saying, son, be mindful of wisdom.
- We need to have the humility to listen to those who've seen the paths, who've seen where things are going.
- Live with wisdom. Be willing to listen to the advice of those who are older and those who love you fiercely.

3 Live With a Servant's Heart

Proverbs 31:8–9; Proverbs 19:17; James 1:26–27

- Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth and judge righteously and defend the rights of the poor and the needy.
- She says, You need to live with a servant's heart.
- Whoever is generous to the poor, lends to the Lord. He will repay him for his deed.
- Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world.
- Pure religion is to take care of the helpless. Pure religion is to have a servant's heart.

4 Surround Yourself With Godly People

Proverbs 31:10–20

- You need to live and surround yourself with godly people.
- Who can find an excellent wife? She's far more precious than jewels.
- Somebody who lives with wisdom looks beyond what is on the outside and looks to the inside because true beauty is seen in a person who lives like this.
- Marriage is temporary, heaven is forever. Choose wisely.
- Because who you surround yourself with will change you.

5 Live to Be a Blessing to Others

Proverbs 31:28–31

- Charm is deceitful. Beauty is vain. But a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
- The fifth truth bomb is this, and King Lemuel's mom shares it through this woman. You live to be a blessing to others.
- You could look at the word blessed as simply being those who have the good life. And they provide the good life to others.
- You know what parents, godly parents want from their kids more than anything? That you love the Lord and remain faithful to the Lord.

THE CHALLENGE

So I would invite you tonight. If you haven't already, give your heart to Jesus.

MY NOTES