

A LIFE OF PREPARATION, A DAY OF RECOGNITION

Text: Proverbs 31:10-31

THREE PRAYERS FOR MOMS

1. That you will have a sense of self-worth.

(v. 10) A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

During the seasons in which no one seems to notice the extent of all you do, I hope that you will have a quiet confidence, a strong assurance, a sense of self-worth that you are God's woman, and that you are serving him in a way that brings him glory.

2. That you can laugh at the days to come.

(v. 25) She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

Women of faith, this is what I pray for you, that God will be at work in your life in such a way -- and that you will experience his blessings to such an extent -- that you can look forward to tomorrow with joyful anticipation.

The thief (the world, circumstances, and Satan himself) comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. John 10:10

My prayer is that you will have a sense of courage as you face the future.

If you put your all your hope in your husband, you'll be disappointed.

The woman who is able to laugh at the days to come is the woman who takes initiative, who takes responsibility, who takes action.

Solomon says, "She is clothed with strength and dignity."

My prayer for you is that you will be able to laugh at the days to come because you have gained from God the strength and dignity required for one to face the future with courage.

3. That you will receive the honor you deserve.

Solomon says (v. 28) **"Her children arise and call her blessed."**

My prayer is that your children will bless you. . Not just today, but every day! Not just in the words they speak to you, but also in the words they speak about you to others.

My prayer is that you receive the honor you deserve for the job you have done.

Solomon also says (v. 28-29) **Her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."**

(v. 31) Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

It is my prayer that those accomplishments outlive you -- that for generations to come people can see the difference you've made by the lives of the people you have known.