

Becoming the Proverbs 31 Woman - Bible Study with Tracy

To use with the main book: *Becoming the Proverbs 31 Woman...for Teens too! Bible Study Coloring Workbook* by Tracy Zdelar. Main book is optional, however.

* Printable Packet #2

I. Bible Study Tips We Will Use - Proverbs 31:1-9

A. Get out your list of **15 Bible Study Factors** as we look at five of them in this passage. We probably won't do this for every week but I want to demonstrate how to apply the rules or factors of Bible study so you can learn how to do the same in your personal studies.

1. **People Factor:** Mother to son, possibly Bathsheba and Solomon but we don't know for sure. People often have more than one name... you probably have at least three names: first, middle and last. Some people have more and some have nicknames.
2. **Context Factor:** The king's mother is teaching him how a prince / king is to behave and what a good, virtuous woman looks like.

She is teaching us what it means to be a virtuous woman, wife, business woman and mother.

3. **Application Factor:** All scripture has three applications. Fill in your notes below with what each of these are regarding the passage we are studying, Proverbs 31. **Hint, see above.*

*Look up and read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 now.

Historical:

Doctrinal/ teaching:

Devotional:

4. **Comparison Factor:** We must compare scripture with scripture. How do we do that?

a. Look up the key words in the passage and look up each time that word is mentioned in scripture. Another Bible study rule or tip that is not listed in the 15 I gave you is the **Law of First Mention**. It's always a good idea to look up the first time a specific word you are studying is mentioned in scripture. Then consider looking up all the times it is mentioned to see how the Bible is using it and defining it.

b. Look up the topic in other passages. For example, the king's mother warns him that it is not wise for kings and princes to drink strong drink. Scripture is clear, as you study the topic, that intoxicating alcohol is not wise to partake of. You can easily do a study on this topic using drink, drunk, wine, etc but don't neglect to consider comparing scripture about kings.

Did you know that WE as born-again believers in Jesus Christ have been made kings and priests unto God? See Revelation 1:6 & 5:10. Now that really does elevate the importance of us as Christians to be abstaining from social drinking.

*** This is a deep topic and one we won't go into right now. We actually touch again on this a little later in Proverbs 31.

5. **Every Individual Word Factor:** God has clearly stated in His Word that it is His Words that matter.

Consider Psalms 12:6-7 “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.”

Proverbs 30:5-6 “Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.”

II. She is Valuable - Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

A. **Virtue** shows up six times in the Bible (KJV). Look up each verse and jot down a note about what virtue means in each verse:

Mark 5:30:

Luke 6:19:

Luke 8:46:

Philippians 4:8:

2 Peter 1:3:

2 Peter 1:5:

B. The word **Virtuous** shows up in the Bible (KJV) three times. Look up each time and note how it is being used:

Ruth 3:11:

Proverbs 12:4:

Proverbs 31:10:

C. The word **Virtuously** shows up once in the Bible (KJV). Note how it is used:

Proverbs 31:29:

D. **Now let's look up how the Noah's Webster 1828 dictionary defines these words.** Note: Some definitions are lengthy and have multiple meanings. You don't have to write the whole thing out but consider writing out the meaning that most applies to the text we are studying.

You can get the free app from the Play Store or go right to the online website: <https://webstersdictionary1828.com/>

***You can write in the Noah's 1828 definitions here if you want:

III. Rubies: Her price is far above them.

A. The word rubies shows up six times in the Bible (KJV). Look up each verse and consider noting how ruby is used:

Job 28:18:

Proverbs 3:15:

Proverbs 8:11:

Proverbs 20:15:

Proverbs 31:10:

Lamentations 4:7:

B. What makes a ruby rare and valuable?

1. The ruby, as some other gemstones, starts out as the clear rock forming mineral called corundum. Chromium is the trace element that gives the corundum mineral its beautiful red color, in the case of a ruby. *However, chromium can also cause fissures (like a crack/cavity).*
2. The quality and value of rubies include: Color, Clarity, Cut & Carat Weight. Let's look at the ruby in a spiritual/biblical light.
 - a. **Color:** the same trace element (chromium) that gives a ruby a beautiful red color also can cause imperfections.

(Devotional application) I have often thought how our greatest strengths, personally, can also be our greatest weaknesses. Too much of a good thing can become a bad thing.

- b. **Clarity:** inclusions or imperfections can affect the transparency or brilliance of a ruby and lower its value. This reminds me of how unconfessed and unrepented of sin in our lives affects our witness and service for Christ.

(Devotional application) Are we living our lives according to the knowledge found in scripture and that, in such a way, as to make Him look better? Or do we make Him look bad as we choose to live in sin?

- c. **Cut:** the ruby's master-cutter knows how to shape the stone into a beautiful thing.

(Devotional application, see John 15:2) Likewise, we can trust God to work in our own life to cut away or purge our dead branches, so to speak, so that we can bear more fruit and better fruit for Him!

- d. **Carat weight:** special quality rubies over one carat are very rare and the bigger the ruby the higher the value and price.

(Devotional application) I consider how much of me have I given God control of? Am I living for Him as I ought? Mark 12:30 "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."

IV. Scripture Memory Recommendations: *consider writing out on index cards and work on every day. Tip: Consider making it a practice to review your stack of memorized verses every night before bed.*

- A. Proverbs 30:5-6 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

- B. Psalm 23:6-7 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

- C. Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

- D. All 6 verses of Psalm 1, but especially vss. 1-3.

- E. Proverbs 14:1 Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

- F. Proverbs 24:3-4 Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

V. Consider reading the book of Ruth during our study. It's only four chapters and she is the only named woman in scripture referred to as virtuous.

