

## Questions on Proverbs Chapter 31

1. Who taught king Lemuel the words of this chapter? (1)
2. Why is it particularly dangerous for kings (or civil rulers) to consume alcohol? (verses 4-5)
  - a. What use of alcohol was authorized according to verses 6 & 7?
  - b. These verses follow the normal style of Proverbs which means that the condition being addressed is twice stated and then elaborated upon by the use of different descriptions. This means that the impoverished state that is mentioned in verse 7 was the result of what other condition? (see 6 and 7)
3. To be a just and good king, Lemuel needed to not ignore the plights of what people? (8-9)
4. Who is the focus of the remaining verses of Proverbs 31?
5. An excellent wife is one who has the \_\_\_\_\_ of her husband (11).
  - a. She does him \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_ all of her days(12)
6. The virtuous woman is commended for her diligence and dedication in her various fields of endeavor. What do verses 13, 15, 18 and 27 say about her work ethic?

- 7.** These areas of work and commitment included family, husband, maidens, the poor and her business obligations. In what ways did she meet the needs of her family? (15, 21, 27)
  - a.** What did she do for the poor? (20)
  - b.** How was her husband impacted in the community by her work and character? (23)
  - c.** She realizes that her skills in making clothes could extend to what opportunity? (verses 18 and 24)
  - d.** What things did she purchase (capital investment) in order to expand her abilities and business opportunities? (verses 13 & 16)
- 8.** How did her husband and children react to her work and sacrifice for them? (28)
- 9.** According to verse 30, what quality is to be prized the most? What qualities are cautioned about?