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NEWSLETTER

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## WORKING MOTHER



AFTER MARRYING MY FATHER, THE ONLY TIME MY MOTHER SAID SHE EVER HAD A JOB WAS A SIX MONTH STENT AT A LAUNDROMAT IN YORK, PENNSYLVANIA. MY DAD WAS WORKING ON A CHURCH CONSTRUCTION CREW IN THAT CITY AND MOM WANTED TO MAKE A LITTLE EXTRA MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS SPENDING. WHEN MOM TOLD THAT ACCOUNT MY DAD WOULD ALWAYS INTERJECT, "THERE WAS NEVER A TIME WHEN YOUR MOM DIDN'T WORK." SHE WORKED HARD DURING THE 16 YEARS THAT THEY FARMED AND THEN KEEP THE BOOKS FOR MY DAD'S CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND APARTMENT RENTALS. SHE SEWED ALMOST EVERYTHING SHE AND MY SISTER WORE AND COOKED FARM STYLE MEALS FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS. MY MOM WAS A WORKING MOM.

WHEN ABRAHAM'S SERVANT WENT LOOKING FOR A WIFE FOR ISAAC, HE FOUND ONE WHO WAS WILLING TO WORK. WE READ IN GENESIS 24:19 THAT SHE WATERED HIS TEN CAMELS. NOW I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH WATER TEN CAMELS CAN DRINK BUT I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S A LOT! YOU SEE THE SERVANT WANTED A WORKING WOMEN FOR ISAAC'S BRIDE.

I THINK THE PROVERBS 31 WOMEN WAS A WORKER AS WELL. CONSIDER THESE "JOBS."

1. SEAMSTRESS: "SHE LOOKS FOR WOOL AND FLAX AND WORKS WITH HER HANDS IN DELIGHT." (V. 13)  
"SHE STRETCHES OUT HER HANDS TO THE DISTAFF, AND HER HANDS GRASP THE SPINDLE." (V. 19)  
FURTHERMORE WE READ THAT SHE MAKES WARM CLOTHING FOR HER HOUSEHOLD (V. 22) AND COVERINGS OF FINE LINEN AND PURPLE (V. 22).
2. GOURMET CHEF: "SHE IS LIKE MERCHANT SHIPS; SHE BRINGS HER FOOD FROM AFAR." (V. 14)
3. REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER: "SHE CONSIDERS A FIELD AND BUYS IT;" (V. 16A)
4. GARDENER: "FROM HER EARNINGS SHE PLANTS A VINEYARD." V. 16B)
5. FITNESS DEVOTEE: "SHE GIRDS HERSELF WITH STRENGTH AND MAKES HER ARMS STRONG." (V. 17)
6. FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER: "SHE EXTENDS HER HAND TO THE POOR, AND SHE STRETCHES OUT HER HANDS TO THE NEEDY." (V. 20)
7. MERCHANT: "SHE MAKES LINEN GARMENTS AND SELLS THEM AND SUPPLIES BELTS TO THE TRADESMEN." (V. 24)
8. TEACHER: "SHE OPENS HER MOUTH IN WISDOM, AND THE TEACHING OF KINDNESS IS ON HER TONGUE." (V. 26)

VERSE 27 SUMMARIZES HER DEVOTION TO HER FAMILY. "SHE LOOKS WELL TO THE WAYS OF HER HOUSEHOLD, AND DOES NOT EAT THE BREAD OF IDLENESS."

MOTHERING IS NOT FOR THE LAZY, WEAK OR UNDISCIPLINED. IT'S WORK!

LET US THANK GOD FOR THE WORKING WIVES AND MOMS AROUND US.

LOOKING UP!

PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE