

## **“The Wisdom of Mothers”**

Proverbs 31:1-9

Tuesday Bible Lunch

May 14, 2024

**Introduction:** We celebrated Mother’s Day Sunday. In Proverbs 31:1-9, Solomon writes about some things that his mother told him about being a good king that applies to leaders whoever and wherever they are.

Text: Proverbs 31:1-9

- Ancient Jewish tradition identifies King Lemuel as King Solomon.
- Solomons mother was Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12:24).
- In Proverbs 31, Solomon writes about the advice his mother Bathsheba gave him about being a wise king (31:1-9), and about the qualities of an excellent wife (31:10-31).

**T.S.** The wisdom in what Bathsheba told Solomon is our focus today.

1. His reign should be characterized by holiness (31:3).
2. His reign should be characterized by sobriety (31:4-7).
3. His reign should be characterized by compassion (31:8-9).

### **Life Lessons:**

1. **People in positions of leadership or positions of authority should be above reproach with the opposite sex (31:3).**

**Illustration:** Solomon ignored his mother’s advice about women (1 Kings 11:1-4).

**Illustration:** Solomons father did the same thing (2 Samuel 11:27).

**Application:** All of us should live lives characterized by holiness. The Bible says, “Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no none will see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14).

## **2. Don't let alcohol weaken your reason, judgment, and convictions.**

- A king would have access to many wines. Batsheba knew this would be a temptation to Solomon.
- She wanted him to have a clear mind to make good decisions.

**Application:** Preacher, I drink but I am not an alcoholic. My response to that is that every alcoholic said that!

## **3. We should speak for those who can't speak for themselves (31:8-9).**

- Leadership works best when there is compassion.
- This is not only true in leadership, but also in life.

**Application:** In positions of leadership or authority, caring about people whatever their position makes a difference.

**Illustration:** At our church we have different classifications of employees. I care about each employee regardless of their classification. This is why so many of our employees have worked at the church for such a long time.

**Conclusion:** A good example of leadership characterized by holiness, sobriety, and compassion is Truett Cathy the founder of Chick-Fil-A. (To hear the story listen to the story on the church website [www.fbp.org](http://www.fbp.org)).