



A Mother's Work Is Never Done (Live at 11 am)

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Sustainable Defined: Something that can be maintained at a certain rate or level (Oxford Dictionary)

Question: Would you describe your current life direction as good and sustainable?

I. Four Things That Are Not Sustainable

- 1. Growth Without Decline** (Ecclesiastes 3, Managing the Up's and Downs)
- 2. Economic Success Without a Decline** (You must manage both)
- 3. Hope Deferred** (Proverbs 13:12, Managing Disappointment)
- 4. Lies That Hide the Truth** (Luke 8:17-18, Managing Lies that can Deceive You)
 - For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. 18 Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them.”

II. Seven Ways a Mother Keeps Us Together Proverbs 31:10-31, NIV

- 1. She Loves Faithfully (Most Female Job Descriptions Stop Here)**
 - 10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. 11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. 12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.
- 2. She Works Hard (This is Expected Often Without Boundaries)**
 - 13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. 15 She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants.
- 3. She is Entrepreneurial (This is Often Unexpected and Under Appreciated)**
 - 16 She considers a field and buys it; **out of her earnings** she plants a vineyard. 17 She sets about her work vigorously; **her arms are strong** for her tasks. 18 **She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go** out at night. 19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.
 - **24** She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.
- 4. She is Philanthropic**



- 20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

5. She is a Pre-planner

- 21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. 22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.

6. She Is Impactful

- 23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

7. She is Impressive

- 25 She is clothed with **strength** and **dignity**; she can **laugh** at the days to come. 26 She **speaks with wisdom**, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. 27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

III. Two Concluding Thoughts The Impact of a Mother's Work

1. Mother's Leave a Legacy

- 28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

2. Mother's Deserve to Be Honored

- 30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. 31 Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Next Time: Managing a Family Crisis (Economic Success and Decline)

Big Question: How do you manage?

Read Ahead: 2 Kings 4:1-7