

Sermon Questions from Sunday, March 5, 2017

Proverbs 31

Craig Shugart *“The Worthy Women – of Business!”*

Introduction

1. How do you see the world – Geographically? Culturally? Missionally? Have you thought about your role in reaching beyond familiar borders?
2. What is your viewpoint of business? What is your viewpoint of profit?

Digging Deeper

3. How would you describe yourself: risk-taker or risk-averse? How might this be influencing the way you understand the possibilities of God’s will for your life?
4. Have you ever heard this passage preached or taught from this perspective (outside the context of a household)?
5. Based on the following three examples, how does this passage broaden your perception of a business mindset and being on mission? Of your own stewardship?
 - a. From the raw materials secured in verse 13, a business of manufacturing and marketing goods begins in verse 24.
 - b. Verse 16 demonstrates real estate transactions and channeling independent earnings into further investments.
 - c. Verse 18 focuses on *“merchandise is profitable.”*
6. Would you say you are “a demonstrator” or “a proclaimer” of God’s truth? How could you deliberately strive for balance between the two?
7. The woman in Proverbs feared the Lord and received the praise from her children, husband and co-workers. Apart from the Lord’s favor, whose opinion or praise matters most? Who is it harder to please – your family members or your co-workers?
8. She spent her expertise and resources on the poor and needy (v. 20). To whom or to what mission do you give of yourself?

Application

9. When you are honest, do you see your workplace as your primary place of ministry – or do you see your work as “a necessary evil.” How can this group change or develop your understanding of your role?
10. To whom did you have an opportunity to “speak words of wisdom”? Is there someone this week to whom you should prayerfully seek an opportunity to do so?