

Mother's Day choral reading (NIV)

CHARACTERS: Readers 1 & 2, All (Congregation can follow along in their Bibles and do the ALL parts or project on a screen for them to read)

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Proverbs 31, NIV

READER 1: A wife of noble character who can find?

ALL: She is worth far more than rubies.

READER 2: Her husband trusts her without reserve,

ALL: and lacks nothing of value.

READER 1: She brings him good, not harm,

ALL: all the days of her life

READER 2: She selects wool and flax

ALL: and works with eager hands.

READER 1: She is like the merchant ships,

ALL: bringing her food from afar.

READER 2: She gets up while it is still night

ALL: she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants

READER 1: She considers a field and buys it;

ALL: out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

READER 2: She sets about her work vigorously;

ALL: her arms are strong for her tasks.

READER 1: She sees that her trading is profitable,

ALL: and her lamp does not go out at night.

READER 2: In her hand she holds the distaff

ALL: and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

READER 1: She opens her arms to the poor

ALL: and extends her hands to the needy.

READER 2: When it snows, she has no fear for her household;

ALL: for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

READER 1: She makes coverings for her bed

ALL: she is clothed in fine linen and purple.
READER 2: Her husband is greatly respected at the city gates
ALL: where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.
READER 1: She makes linen garments and sells them,
ALL: and supplies the merchants with sashes.
READER 2: She is clothed with strength and dignity
ALL: she can laugh at the days to come.
READER 1: She speaks with wisdom,
ALL: and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
READER 2: She watches over the affairs of her household
ALL: and does not eat the bread of idleness
READER 1: Her children arise and call her blessed
ALL: her husband also, and he praises her
READER 2: “Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all.”
READER 1: Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
ALL: but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
READER 1 & 2: Honor her for all that her hands have done
ALL: and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

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