

# Proverbs Series

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**Prov. 14:12, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”**

# **Proverbs**

## **Guide for Skillful Living**

**DEATH**

**LIFE**

**The Woman of Valor  
Proverbs 31:10–31**



- I. Introduction: Her value, 10–12**
  - A. Valued, though unfortunately rare, 10**
  - B. Her value to her husband and family, 11–12**
  
- II. The industriousness of the valorous woman, 13–27**
  - A. Her creative and valued labor, 13–19**
  - B. Her blessing to those around, 20–27**
  
- III. Praise for the valorous woman, 28–31**
  - A. By her family, 28–29**
  - B. By all, 30–31**



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פְּנִינִים *p<sup>e</sup>nînm*

corals (e.g., Job  
28:18; Lam. 4:7)



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שָׁלַל *shalal*

masc sing  
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**A Her palms (*kappêha*) work the raw textiles  
v. 13**

**B She trades (*sḥr*) to enrich the table v. 14**

**C She arises at night (*laylâ*) to seek  
“prey” v. 15**

**A' She invests in a vineyard from the earning of  
her palms (*kappêha*) v. 16**

**B' She gains strength from her trading  
*sḥr*) vv. 17–18a**

**C' Her lamp does not go out at night  
(*laylâ*) v. 18b**



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**לֶחֶם *lechem***

**comm masc sing constr  
bread, food, Lehem**



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**טֶרֶף teref**

**Noun comm masc sing abs**

**prey**



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זָמַם *zamam*

qal perf 3 fem sing

to purpose, plan, to strategize



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**טעם *t'm* qal perf 3 fem sing  
to taste, to enjoy the fruits of one's labor**



**Prov. 31:19, “She stretches out her hands to the distaff,  
And her hand holds the spindle.”**



**Prov. 31:20, “She extends her hand to the poor,  
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**Prov. 31:21, “She is not afraid of snow for her  
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**C Household clothed in scarlet v. 21b**

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**X Husband respected at the gate v. 23**

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**C' Wife clothed with strength and dignity v. 25a**

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**Prov. 31:28, “Her children rise up and call her  
blessed;  
Her husband also, and he praises her:**

**Prov. 31:29, “ ‘Many daughters have done well,  
But you excel them all.’ ”**



**Prov. 31:30, “Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing,  
But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.**

**Prov. 31:31, “Give her of the fruit of her hands,  
And let her own works praise her in the gates.”**