

Leadership Tips 101

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Probably leadership is not an attribute that you would associate with the *Proverbs 31* woman. We think of her as the “perfect” woman. We either love

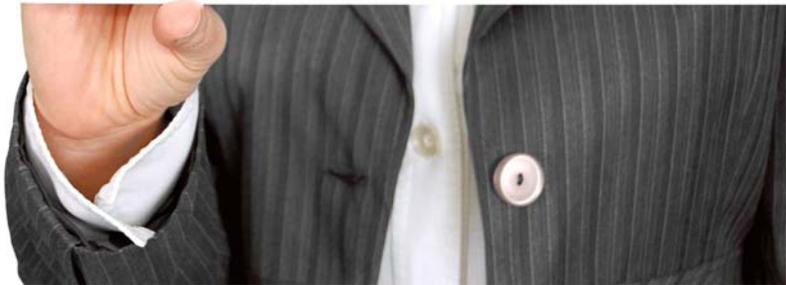


her, and want to be like her



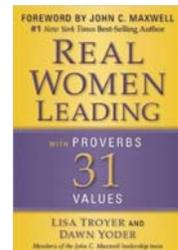
or we despise her because we are jealous of her and think we can never come close to being that kind of woman.

A Leader of Noble Character *Proverbs 31*



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Dawn Yoder and Lisa Troyer have written a book entitled Real Women Leading with Proverbs 31 Values. Together they convince you that indeed, the woman whose “price is far above rubies” in *Proverbs 31* was a true leader. Read on for some of their thoughts:



Proverbs 31

She is humble. She realizes that preparedness and delegation are two essential ingredients of success. She is not expecting to do it all; she knows how to delegate responsibility while encouraging others to walk in their own gifts. She is extremely industrious. In her wisdom, however, she realizes that the success she desires – as well as the appreciation of her family, friends and business associates – is best facilitated by drawing people together and connecting them, bringing everyone’s talent into the mix.

She finds others who, like her, are responsible, influential and ambitious. Then she proceeds to use her values-based influence to grow the virtues of honesty, generosity, and restraint...

Proverbs 31



Proverbs 31 is really a description of every woman ... by listing so many activities in so many areas, the Bible shows us that it isn’t so much about *what* we do as *how* we do it.





- ⇒ Open your Bible to *Proverbs 31*.
- ⇒ Get whatever tool you use to underline in your Bible.
- ⇒ Or if you prefer not to mark your Bible, get a sheet of paper and pencil or pen. You will need three different colors of the tool.
- ⇒ Read through the entire chapter once without underlining or writing anything.

NOW HERE'S THE CHALLENGE!!

- ⇒ Go back and read *Proverbs 31* again, this time using your different colors to underline or write on your paper.



- ⇒ Use one **color** to identify the attributes that you think you have.
- ⇒ Use another **color** to identify the attributes you don't think you have.
- ⇒ Use a third **color** to identify the attributes that you would like to have and are willing to work on.

Not only is this a good exercise for you as a leader, but you can also use it as a training session for your officers in your local group or association. Add discussion time to talk about the characteristics and ways to use them in your women's ministry.



Take the challenge! Become a leader of noble character!!

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
Proverbs 31:26