



## Thank God It's Monday

### Week 3: Do a Good Job

#### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

To maintain a healthy group, focus on four key components: Word, prayer, relationships, and outreach. This guide will help you study a biblical passage through observation, interpretation, and application. As you explore Proverbs 31:10-31, keep in mind the big idea from Sunday—the principles we are given in this acrostic chiasm to do a good job.<sup>1</sup>

#### CONNECT

Ask this ice-breaker: "Share about a time when you worked hard on something—whether at home, work, or elsewhere—and it made a difference for someone else. How did it feel to see the impact of your efforts?"

#### INTRODUCTION

Proverbs 31:10-31 paints a vivid picture of a woman who embodies wisdom and worship in her work. She labors diligently in her home, marriage, family, and community, bringing honor to her husband and blessing to those around her. Structured as an acrostic and chiasm, the passage centers on her husband's public honor (v. 23), showing that her work glorifies God. As Christ's bride, we—men and women alike—are called to reflect this excellence, working creatively, generously, and trustworthily to honor our Savior. This passage challenges us to work worshipfully, not for our own gain, but for God's glory and others' good.

#### OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

Read: Proverbs 31:10-12, 23

- The woman's work brings "no lack of gain" to her husband, and he is "known in the gates" (vv. 11, 23).
- As Christ's bride, how can our work—whether in family, career, or community—bring public honor to Jesus?

Read: Proverbs 31:13-19, 27

- The woman works diligently (vv. 13-19). What do her initiative and skillfulness teach us about cultivating diligence in our own work?
- She "does not eat the bread of idleness" (v. 27). What are some practical ways we can combat laziness or distraction in our daily tasks?

Read: Proverbs 31:20, 25-26, 30

- She is generous to the poor and speaks with kindness and wisdom (vv. 20, 26). How can we work with a similar others-focused mindset?
- Her "fear of the Lord" is praised above charm or beauty (v. 30). How does trusting God shape the way we approach challenges or uncertainties in our work?
- How can you shift your focus this week to ensure your work points others to Christ?

#### APPLICATION

- Identify one area of your work (e.g., home, job, relationships) where you can grow in diligence, generosity, or trust in God. What's one practical step you can take?
- How does Jesus' redemptive work on the cross inspire you to labor with excellence, knowing your efforts are part of His mission?
- Take some time to pray for each other, that you will work well for the glory of God, and do a good job not to earn God's favor but secure in the knowledge that God has set his love on you in Christ.

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<sup>1</sup> An acrostic is a poem where each line begins with a consecutive letter of the alphabet. A biblical chiasm is a literary structure in which themes, words, or ideas are arranged in a symmetrical pattern (A-B-C-B'-A') to emphasize a central point or enhance meaning.

