

## Verses / Module 2 / Words of Encouragement

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Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law? <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. - Matthew 22:36-40 (ESV)

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17 (NIV)

So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him? Ecclesiastes 3:22 (ESV)

### Psalm 31: Epilogue: The Wife of Noble Character

<sup>10</sup> <sup>[b]</sup>A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

<sup>11</sup> Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.

<sup>12</sup> She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. <sup>13</sup> She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. <sup>14</sup> She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. <sup>15</sup> She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. <sup>16</sup> She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. <sup>17</sup> She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.

<sup>18</sup> She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.

<sup>19</sup> In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

<sup>20</sup> She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

<sup>21</sup> When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

<sup>22</sup> She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.

<sup>23</sup> Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. <sup>24</sup> She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. <sup>25</sup> She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

<sup>26</sup> She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. <sup>27</sup> She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. <sup>28</sup> Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: <sup>29</sup> “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” <sup>30</sup> Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. <sup>31</sup> Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

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“People grow into the conversations that you have around them.” – Diane Kay

“Encouragement is the oxygen of the soul.” -- John Maxwell’s Dad

“Add value to other people.” -- John Maxwell

“A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.” --Colin Powell

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the load of someone else.”  
-- Benjamin Franklin

“I don’t know what your destiny will be, but, I do know that the only ones among you who will be really happy, are those who have sought & found how to serve.”  
- Albert Sweitzer

“The true leaders serves, serves people and their best interests. True leaders are motivated by loving concern rather than personal glory.” -Eugene Habecker, *The Other Side of Leadership*