

**Title:** The Unknown Mom

**Text:** Proverbs 31:1-9

**Target:** Proverbs 31 has been a standard of inspiration for all women but has also quietly served as a mark of intimidation. My hope today is by revealing the “Unknown Mom” behind this proverb a new perspective would be gained, and an unspoken pressure would be relieved.

- I. **She Reinforces a Divine Calling:** *“The words of King Lemuel. An oracle that his mother taught him.”* (Vs.1)
  - A. **Dedicated to God:** *“King Lemuel”- unto God or for God*
  - B. **Directed to God:** *“taught”- admonished while correcting.*
  
- II. **She Reveals a Deep Concern:** *“What are you doing, my son? What are you doing, son of my womb? What are you doing, son of my vows?”* (Vs. 2)
  - A. **Importance of Repetition:** 3X *“what are you doing?”*
  - B. **Intimacy of the Relationship:** *“son of my womb/vows”*
  - C. **Intervenes with Reason:** *“doing”*
  
- III. **She Reminds with Direct Counsel:**
  - A. **Women: Avoid Immorality** *“do not give your strength to women”* (Vs. 3)  
\*1 Kings 11:4 \*Deut. 17:17
  - B. **Wine: Avoid Drunkenness:** *“lest they drink and forget what has been decreed and pervert the rights of all the afflicted”* (Vs. 5) \*Proverbs 20:1
  - C. **Work: Avoid Bribery:** *“Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.”* (Vs. 8-9) \*Proverbs 29:4

**Take Away:** The (X) that marks the spot is the place where the Proverbs 31 expectation is exchanged for a Proverbs 31 exaltation.