



2017 RENEWAL THEME

Worth More Than Rubies

Proverbs 31:10

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

Use any or all of the components that fit the Renewal you would like to plan.

Focus: *You are more than just a pastor's wife.*

- † Who determines our worth? Striving to reflect Jesus' love.
- † Freedom to be the pastor's wife YOU are! Using the gifts God has blessed YOU with.
- † Being your husband's "crown" & deserving your children's praise

BIBLE STUDY -

KNOW YOUR WORTH – *Seeing Your Value Through Christ's Eyes*



Jesus valued women. He prayed for them and healed them. He commended them for their faith. He touched them and they touched Him. It was women who were among the last to watch him die and the first to witness the Resurrection. This is not the oppressive teaching some suggest Christianity is. We'll re-discover our worth and value in Christ and his church.

- *This study is written with a lot of small group time and discussion. Very participant orientated with the study leader doing more guiding than teaching.*

SUPERWOMAN HAS LEFT THE BUILDING – *We're also working on writing a Bible study on Proverbs 31, coming soon.*

JEWELS IN HIS CROWN –

Have you ever dreamed of being a princess? A princess with sparkly jewels and fancy dresses? A princess that lives in a palace and has servants?

You ARE a princess! Your heavenly Father is the King of Kings and you are his royal daughter. You have a sparkling tiara that shines with the love of your father and the gifts he has bestowed on you. Discover the jewels in your crown and how you can wear them with grace and pride.

- *This one was actually written for a mother/daughter study and has an activity and take home printables to go with.*
- *You could use the study and adapt it for use with women only.*
- **And/Or** *assemble master copies into packets as a "take-home" for ladies to use in their churches when planning their next mother-daughter banquet or event.*

WORSHIP & DEVOTIONS:

Opening "Service"

(Opening Devotion – simplified form of the service)

Closing Devotion

KEY NOTE TOPICS AND SPEAKER IDEAS:

PROVERBS 31 – DISCOVERING THE TREASURES OF A GODLY WOMAN

- ☞ There has been a lot written and "said" about the Proverbs 31 woman. There is a lot of encouragement in this section of Scripture as well as a picture of a well-rounded and Godly woman. There are characteristics to strive for and virtues to be praised.
- ☞ Invite a speaker to teach on this final chapter of Proverbs. *Don't forget verses 1-9.*

YOU ARE A GIFT; THE JOY OF LOVING & SERVING

- ☞ Every woman is unique. And every woman is a gift to those around her as she strives to serve the Lord and others in love.
- ☞ Invite a speaker to encourage women in their unique strengths and the opportunities God has given each of them to love and serve those in their lives. Use Proverbs 31: 10-31 as a guide to speaking on the many ways women can be a blessing to those in their lives.

CHIC CHATS:

Great discussion starters with Biblical focus for every Renewal.

- † *Chic Chats were designed to break ladies into smaller groups, help them connect, and give them time to just talk about what is on their hearts.*
- † *So Larger Renewals would split the ladies into groups of 10-15 with a facilitator for each group. A smaller Renewal might still like the topics and conversation starters for use as one group.*
- † **Topic pages are merely conversation starters and guides to keeping the discussions encouraging, scriptural, and helpful.**

BREAK OUT AND ACTIVITY IDEAS:

If you are planning break-outs the ladies can choose from, it is nice to have a range of options. Offering something for the young moms as well as the women who want to focus on their marriages as well as offering a craft verses a presentation are nice ways to cater to specific needs and interests.

BREAK OUT PRESENTATION TOPICS:

▪ **DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

- Have a workshop or speaker on Spiritual gifts. Study some of the areas of Scripture that talk about all the areas of service & the body of Christ. Give ladies opportunities to discover where their gifts are and how they can use to serve their husbands, families, and others.
- Use the Bible Study ***“The Beautiful Bloom”***
 - *Spiritual gifts are those special abilities given to all Christians to build up the fellowship and ministry of the church. Many Christians make pain-causing mistakes about spiritual gifts. Some people assume that only certain believers are gifted—for example, those who speak or sing well. But this assumption ignores the critical truth that the encouragers, administrators, and givers are just as powerfully gifted by our Almighty God compared to the more visible leaders and teachers. The Bible shows us that every Christian is gifted and valuable and needed in the church. You are one of them!*
- Or the Study ***“Bloom Where God Plants You”***
 - The idea for this Bible study came from a book by the same name written by missionary wife, Rebecca Wendland. In her book, Wendland shares the joys and challenges of being a pastor’s wife on the mission field. As she reflects on her experiences, she shares how in many ways she was unprepared for what she faced.

▪ **BEING YOUR HUSBAND’S CROWN**

- “Her husband lacks no good thing. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.”
- Have a workshop or speaker encourage and build women up in supporting their husbands. A little marriage “booster.”

▪ **THE BOOK OF PROVERBS**

- Invite someone to teach how the Proverbs are written in general, the nature of Hebrew poetry, and how parallelism is used.
- It could then be tied into how that helps us understand Proverbs 31.

▪ **A MOTHER’S ADVICE - IDEAS & MINI LESSONS**

- Proverbs 31 starts out with a mother’s advice to her son on choosing a Godly woman for a spouse. Use this as inspiration for a break out for the moms.

- Do you know a wonderful teacher and mother? Ask her to put together a workshop on ideas and mini-lessons that you can use to “teach” your kids (at varying ages) how to watch for and think about the person you might like to spend the rest of your life with? What characteristics should you look for? How do you get to know that person and make a wise choice?
- **GEMSTONES & JEWELRY**
 - Know any jewelers? Or jewelry buffs that could talk about various precious jewels and gems throughout the world and history? How did birthstones come about? Or how did the diamond becoming the engagement ring of choice? How is value determined?
 - Ask them to put together a presentation on some aspect of precious gemstones that would be fun and informative.
- **USE ONE OF THE ADDITIONAL BIBLE STUDIES FROM THE “MAIN BIBLE STUDY” SECTION** – *Since we have 3 Bible studies with this theme, offer extra Bible study time as a break out.*

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES:

- **JEWELRY MAKING** – There are many options here...bracelets, necklaces, earrings, etc.
 - Maybe you know someone in your congregation who makes jewelry and has multiples of the tools needed?
- **SPA TIME** - With foot soaks and hand treatments
 - We’ve done this at past Renewals:
 - Have an aromatherapy diffuser and quiet music playing.
 - Bring in a foot soak tub for each woman. Place a towel in front of each chair, set the tub with hot water on each towel. Lead the women in soaking their feet, using a nice body scrub on their feet and hands.
 - Prepare wet, heated wash clothes to give each woman to lay across their eyes and lie back for a few minutes of quiet.
 - Wash feet (give each woman a scrubby glove available in pairs at the dollar store to lather up.) Then have towels for drying off, using a nice lotion or body butter. Etc.
 - Have the ladies pair off to give each other hand massages with lotion.
- **LEAVE FREE TIME** for leisure activities if it fits your planning; like Geocaching, hiking, photo scavenger hunt or their own crafting, etc. Or whatever is great to do in the area.



ENCOURAGEMENT PROJECTS:

- **Send cards** to other PWs and Missionary wives
 - *Have a synod year-book, note-cards, stationary, even stamps available.*
- **Choose Prayer Partners** for the year
 - *Bring slips of paper for names, a “hat” and a sheet with a few “parameters” or encouragements for how to proceed as a prayer partner for the year as well as an indication of when/how it would “wrap up.”*

BOOK CLUB IDEAS -

- ☞ *Invite ladies to read the book before the Renewal & discuss it at the Renewal.*
- ☞ *Put together a discussion guide with a variety of questions that could be addressed; be sure the ladies have it ahead of time so they can take notes if they wish.*
- Super Mom Has Left the Building; Being a Proverbs 31 Woman in a 21st Century World by Judith Edwards
 - *Every Mother wants to be the best she can be for her family. But sometimes the expectations pile up like laundry, and the load gets too big to carry. Edwards offers welcome insight on the larger-than-life Proverbs 31 woman, imagining how she would look as she goes about the business of mothering today. Leaving supermom myths behind, she offers realistic encouragement to modern-day moms.*
- L’Abri by Edith Schaeffer
 - *This could be a really awesome discussion book, seeing how one family chose a very unique ministry and relied entirely on God and prayer. And their ministry was such an amazing encouragement to Christians; teaching and building up.*
 - *Edith Schaeffer maintains through personal and detailed letters close family ties with many individuals whose needs are as diverse as their nationalities. In the same way, this book reflects the courage of obedience. As it unfolds it reflects behind it a unique woman, and through it a family that grew because of their personal commitment to Truth.*
- Desperate: Hope for the Mom Who Needs to Breathe by Sarah Mae
 - *A mother of small children in need of sanity shares how her mentor helped her through. It is laid out with each chapter starting with the young mom and her struggles and then her mentor responding to those specific struggles.*



IDEAS FOR FUN EXTRAS

+ DECORATIONS & CENTERPIECE IDEAS -

☞ **A Framed print** of the Proverbs 31:10 verse would be pretty on the tables sitting on top a red cloth or doily. There are a variety available online or create your own. *Depending upon your tables, maybe print 2-3 with the backs toward each other so the prints are facing out on all “sides” of the table.*



- ☞ **Cyclinder Candles** with red glass “stones” or gems in them
- ☞ **Red Candy “mini-buffet”** on each table. Glass candy dish/bowl/bucket (or 3) filled with red candies. Red licorice
- ☞ **Red Flower pots** with pretty red flowers planted. *You could put a plant “stake” in with the Bible passage printed on sticking out of the plant?*

☞ **Red roses**



+ ICEBREAKERS/ACTIVITIES

- Autograph Hunt Sheet
 - See “More than Rubies” version
 - *Hand out as ladies arrive. Encourage them to get signatures as they “meet” fellow attendees.*
 - *Have a designated time to turn them in and offer prizes to the first ones turned in who have the most autographs.*

- “Have you ever...?” conversation starters

+ GIFT/FAVOR IDEAS

- WELCOME ATTENDEES WITH A GIFT IN THEIR HOTEL ROOM:

- *Water bottle or other drink item*
- *Granola bar, gum, healthy snack item, popcorn...*
- *Tissue packet, lotion, etc.*
- *A note that welcomes the women*



- SEND EACH ATTENDEE HOME WITH A RETREAT “FAVOR” as a memento & reminder of the Renewal.

- **PWR has straw tumblers & porcelain travel mugs** that could be fun to fill with goodies. *Ask Val for the price when ordering 6 or more.*

- CREATE A LITTLE SOMETHING “EXTRA” FOR YOUR SPEAKERS.

- **Get them the a “Worth far more than Rubies” Mug** to fill with items along with a thank you card (and honorarium if you are able to provide one).
- **Or the “Rubies” t-shirt**

Theme Items from PWR - available to “match” the theme. Just ask Valerie.

- **Encouragement Cards** – designed with theme passage
 - Create an encouragement card corner, or simply give each attendee a free card to write out to someone they know and want to encourage.
- **PWR Thank You Cards** – designed with theme passage
 - Can be used for writing speaker & leader thank you notes.
- **PWR “Thank you For Coming” Postcards**
 - Write a note to all attendees, either before they arrive or the week after the Renewal. Just one more encouragement and note of appreciation.



PWR Items - just ask to receive these items for free for all your attendees

- **PWR Bags** – lime green reusable shopping bags with a square base
- **PWR Pens** – red click pen with stylus tip

To request PWR or Theme items, just contact Valerie Johnson

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- ☞ Just let us know what information you'd like posted. We'll also include your Renewal or event in our monthly E-votion that goes out and any mailings we send out.
- ☞ We can also set up online registration as well through PWR if you'd like.
- ☞ PWR also offers free shipping to a Renewal or PW event of any items purchased at pwrenewal.org or sheepshirts.net.
 - Organizers would notify Valerie of the upcoming event for which they want to offer the free shipping.
 - Give Valerie a shipping name & address for receipt of items.
 - Orders would need to be received at least a week prior to the event to allow shipping time.
 - Attendees would include “ship to event, date, location” in the comment section upon order.