



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## Proverbs 31:10-31 (NIV)

### Epilogue: The Wife of Noble Character

- <sup>10</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> Honour her for all that her hands have done,  
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

## James 3:13-4:3,7-8 (NIV)

### Two Kinds of Wisdom

- <sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them  
show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility  
that comes from wisdom.
- <sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in  
your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.
- <sup>15</sup> Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but  
is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.
- <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there  
you find disorder and every evil practice.
- <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all  
pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of  
mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.
- <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of  
righteousness.
- Submit Yourselves to God**
- <sup>4</sup> What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't  
they come from your desires that battle within you?
- <sup>2</sup> You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but  
you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight.  
You do not have because you do not ask God.
- <sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask  
with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on  
your pleasures.
- <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and  
he will flee from you.
- <sup>8</sup> Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash  
your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you  
double-minded.

## Psalm 1 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,
- <sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.
- <sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of  
water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.
- <sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked!  
They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.
- <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
- <sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

A good husband makes a good wife. ~ John Florio

Whatever you do, do it well. ~ Walt Disney



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Luncheon @ West

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Markets @ Hallsville

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

29 September ~ Athol Whitten

.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Fay, who is back in Cessnock caring for her family. Lord give her the strength and well-being she needs to help them through battles with their health. We pray also for Fay's daughter Bronwyn and grand-daughter Christine, that they may soon regain their strength and return to normal daily life.
- We pray for Beth's daughter, Tina, who is in hospital.
- Lord we pray for all members of our congregation, especially for those who are recovering from illness or accidents, for those less mobile, who by your Grace and Love meet to worship in this place.

### Without a Question

Mark 9: 32 *But they did not understand what He was saying and were afraid to ask him.*

A common occurrence; listening but not hearing and then not asking. Without questioning, how can we fully understand? Far too many Christians, and I include myself, are afraid to ask questions. It may be that they feel they should already know the answer and they don't want to look silly. Maybe they think there is something wrong with their questions! They may feel questions indicate they are unfaithful.

*"But doubt is not the opposite of faith. Faith grows in the soil of doubts and challenges. Absent doubt, we may talk of knowledge, but given that faith is 'belief in things not seen', doubt seems to be an essential ingredient."* Pastor David Lose

Pastor Lose gets his congregation to write down their questions about the gospel, God, or faith, and pass them in with the offerings; teaching us that just as we give God our time, talents and money, we also give God our questions, challenges and doubts. He then crafts his next sermon around answering these questions. Is this something we might consider trying?

Blessings from Evelyn



### A Prayer

God, give me sympathy and common sense,  
And help me home with courage high.

God, give me calm and confidence  
And please - a twinkle in my eye. ~ unknown

One beautiful Sunday morning, Reverend Barnard announces to his congregation, 'My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons.....

A \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes

A \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes

And a \$20 sermon that lasts a full hour.

Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver.'

Happy is the man who finds a true friend, and far happier is he who finds that true friend in his wife. ~ Franz Schubert

### PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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Doss Wark Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



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### Mark 9:30-37 (NIV)

#### Jesus Predicts His Death a Second Time

<sup>30</sup> They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup> because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise."

<sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

<sup>33</sup> They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?"

<sup>34</sup> But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

<sup>35</sup> Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

<sup>36</sup> He took a little child whom he placed among them.

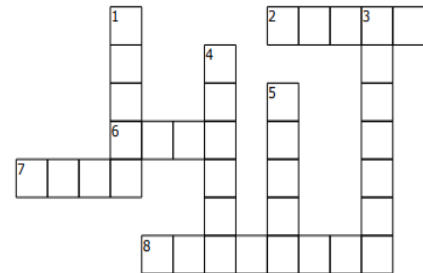
Taking the child in his arms, he said to them,

<sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

### The Key to Greatness

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." Mark 9:35 (NIV)

Based on Mark 9:30-37



#### ACROSS

2. A building where people live, especially a family
6. The one coming after all others
7. A public way for the travel of vehicles, people, and animals
8. A person or thing of the highest quality or character

#### DOWN

1. A very young person
3. Someone who is employed to perform services for others
4. Small in size
5. The one coming before all others

### Operation Christmas Child

On Monday morning, 31 beautifully and lovingly packed boxes, will be picked up and sent on their way to children somewhere in the Pacific! It has been a monumental effort and I want to thank everyone for their commitment over the past 12 months to get these boxes out the door! Thank you to everyone who packed yesterday. A whole lot of love was packed into a small box, along with so many goodies to make a child happy this Christmas. A grand effort!!