

Weekly Devos

(For the Week of May 12, 2019)



Being a “**CHAYIL**” Woman

**In order to help our Sunday Sermons “stick,”
here are lessons to go over together for better “adhesion.”
(Wednesday & Saturday are omitted for class and Family time respectively)**

Mother's Day 2019

MONDAY

READING: 1 Kings 1:52; Proverbs 31:11-12, 23; Job 2:9-10; Esther 9:32

Questioning the Text: “Chayil” carries multiple meanings. Today we study: *Worthy*

1. In 1 Kgs. 1:52, contrast the differences between the “*worthy*” and the “*wicked*.”
2. vs. 11-12, what ways does a trusting husband have “*no lack of gain*” in a Chayil wife?
3. Is Job’s wife seeking a means to alleviate his constant pain (good thing)? Why/why not?
4. What reasons might the Chayil woman’s husband be known when amongst the leaders?

Applying the Text:

1. Re: “*worth*” versus “*wickedness*” are these seen by what we do, or by what we don’t do?
2. Esther shows her worth by protecting the Jews. How have you shown yours this week?
3. Which would you rather be (or have); a “trophy wife” or a “Chayil” wife? Why?
4. In what ways do God’s people show their “worth” differently than non-believers?

PRAYER: Father, I know my “worth” comes from You. Help me Father to live in such a way that others may see the worth I place in You . . .

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TUESDAY

READING: 2 Samuel 22:40; Proverbs 31:13, 15-17, 24-25

Questioning the Text: “Chayil” carries multiple meanings. Today we study: *Strength*

1. In 22:40, how did David view his Chayil, (i.e., its source, amount, purpose, etc.)?
2. How would you describe this woman’s responsibilities ‘around the house’? Does this sound like she is “barefoot, pregnant & in the kitchen,” or a homemaker?
3. Considering what we’ve learned about Chayil, why does she “*...smile at the future*”?
4. Does the Bible teach it is wrong for a woman to work outside the home? Why/why not?

Applying the Text:

1. Women: Do you – 1) run the home, 2) run from the home, 3) get run over by the home?
2. Have you ever considered working from home? What’s stopping you? Should it?!
3. With everything else this Chayil woman has going on, she also “*makes her arms strong*.” What are you doing to keep yourself strong physically/spiritually?
4. Chayil women are “*clothed in strength & dignity*.” How would you describe your clothes?

PRAYER: Father, I want to do more for my family (around the house & elsewhere). But I struggle with both my inner & outward strength. Help me to be strong . . .

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THURSDAY

Reading: Genesis 47:6; Proverbs 31:20-21, 27

Questioning the Text: “Chayil” carries multiple meanings. Today we study: *Capable*

1. How had Joseph shown himself to be Chayil (i.e., story of his life up to this point)?
2. What things are involved in “*watching over the affairs of her household*”?
3. Not only is she capability in dealing with “household” issues, but also in helping the “*poor.*” What is meant by “*extending her hand,*” and “*stretching out her hands*”?

Applying the Text:

1. Proverbs 31:21, shows she is capable when facing the unexpected. What requirements are needed for someone to demonstrate this type of capability?
2. What skills/tools would help you improve your capability in “*watching over the affairs of your household*”? Do you look to expand your capabilities or are you satisfied?
3. What have you done this past week to “*extend your hand to the poor*”? What attitudes might you have to overcome in order to be better about doing this?

PRAYER: Father, there is more to do than I am capable of doing. Help me to see Your hand at work in all these areas. Show me how to trust in Your capabilities . . .

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FRIDAY

Reading: 1 Samuel 16:18; 17:45-46; Proverbs 31:10-31

Questioning the Text: “Chayil” carries multiple meanings. Today we study: *Valor* (i.e. Bravery)

1. How did the man describing “*a son of Jesse*” know that “*...the Lord is with him*”?
2. Was it David or God (or both) who was up to the task in taking on Goliath? What are your reasons for believing this?

Applying the Text:

1. If someone was to describe you, would they include in their description, “*the Lord is with him/her*”? What evidence could they give to prove their assertion?
2. What are the greatest giants you have ever faced in your life? How has this experience prepared you for your future giants?
3. Have you given your children reason to “*rise up and bless you*”? In what areas could your husband, when comparing you to others, say, “*you excel them all*”?

PRAYER: Father, I am sometimes afraid of the giants I face each day. Teach me to trust in You and the help You provide so I may bravely face my fears . . .