


*12 Month Devotional  
Prayer Request Journal*



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## How to play Bunco

Bunco is a social dice game, traditionally played with 12 players who are divided into three tables with four players at each table.

- A game of Bunco is played in two sets, Rolling 1-6, then rolling backwards 6-1.
- Players are seated at multiple tables, with 4 players at each. Players opposite one another are on a 'team' for that round. One table is designated as the head table.
- During the game, players at each table take turns rolling three dice to try and earn points. All tables play simultaneously.
- A player at the head table rings a bell to signal the beginning and end of each round.
- During each round, players attempt to roll the same number on the dice as the number of the round (for example, rolling 3's  in Round 3 would earn the player points. **If you roll 3 of a kind on the # you're on, that's a BUNCO! Worth 21 points!** If you roll 3 of a kind but they're NOT the # you are on, that's called a **MINI worth 5 points**.
- For every number rolled that matches the round number, one point is awarded to that team every time the # is rolled.
- A player keeps rolling until they score NO points. The scorekeeper then records the total score they earned onto the US/THEM Scorepad as the temporary team score. Then the dice are passed to the player on the left.
- When the head table has earned **21 points**, the round is over. The head table rings a bell to signal that the round has ended.
- At the end of every round, players change partners and tables.
- Winners at table 1 STAY at table 1. Winners at table 2 move UP to table 1. Winners at table 3 move UP to table 2. LOSERS ALL STAY, except table 1 losers who move to table 3.
- At the end of the final round, there are typically multiple "winners." The player(s) with the most Bunco's, wins, losses, etc, earn prizes for their successes. If there is a tie for any prize a ROLL OFF should commence between those players.

Optional components include:

- Table direction signs or table # signs to indicate which tables the winners and losers of each round should move to
- A plush dice necklace or other object that can be used as a "Traveler" to award the most recent BUNCO roller each time a BUNCO is rolled

*\*It's common practice to turn the game into a party, with themed food, drinks, and decorations\**

## How to Host a Bible Bunco Group

Gather 12 ladies who commit to meet monthly, preferably the same day & week of the month. ie: 'Bible Bunco will be held the 3rd Thursday of every month'. Hosting is recommended in their home or at your church. Each member will rotate hosting for 1 month.

### Hostess Responsibilities:

**\*Clean your house—OR don't! Up to you! But ensure the bathroom is clean. Organize a sitter for the group so there are limited interruptions.**

1. Remind members of the day / week / time / theme (if you do themes)
2. Collect dues at the bunco prior to your hosting month—usually \$5 per person, but can be higher if desired (\$60 total). Dues contribute to the prize pool.
3. Shop for prizes! Prizes can be wrapped / bagged or unwrapped, your choice
4. Treats! Make some yummy treats & provide beverages. This is not a competition, but have fun with it
5. Set up 3 tables of 4 chairs each, designate HEAD table, 2nd & 3rd
  - > 3 dice for every table
  - > 1 Bible Bunco Scoresheet for every player (4 per table)
  - > 1 Bible Bunco US/Them tally sheet per table (1 per table)
  - > 1 pen / pencil for each table
  - > Bell, air horn or any noisemaker for the HEAD table
6. Keep the flow of the games on track (manage the time). After the 1st set of 6 rounds break for snacks, restroom, conversation. Keep this under 20 min! Then get everyone seated at the right table / partner & commence round 2 starting with 6's
7. Upon completion of the game, offer a brief break & then read the devotional

8. Take prayer requests & pray

9. Distribute prizes!

### Prize Distribution:

\$20 Gift—1st Place (most wins)

\$15 Gift—2nd Place (2nd most wins)

\$10 Gift—3rd Place (3rd most wins)

\$10 Bunco Prize - most bunco's rolled

\$5 Boobie prize— least # of wins

## *Month 1 Devotion: The Wife of Noble Character*

*Open your bible & read Proverbs 31:10-31*

Wow! This lady sets the bar HIGH! Because there is so much to learn from this passage we're going to dissect & explore this section of Proverbs for the next 12 months.

Wouldn't *you* like your husband to have "full confidence in you"?

I know I would!! God placed this small but powerful scripture into his word for our very own benefit, even today.

Consider her first acts: "She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life." What does this mean to you? (*Discuss*)

I think this means she brings good things with her thoughts, her words and her actions. I also think it means she safeguards her husband from harm. It could be harmful words or deeds of others, or it could be harmful words or deeds within their own household. Have you ever found yourself being a referee between your husband and one of your kids? A neighbor? A family member?

A wife of Noble Character endeavors to bring good words and good works to her husband & shield him from harm.

What else could bringing him good entail?

(Discuss, anyone have a personal story to share?)

*Pray* ~ Lord God, we humbly come to you and Thank You for giving us guidance on how to be a Wife of Noble Character. We esteem to be that Lord. *Help us, in JESUS name. Amen*



## Month 2 Devotion: The Wife of Noble Character

Open your bible & read Proverbs 31:10-13

We're back with the Noble Wife this month! Did anyone experience a challenge last month regarding bringing your husband good and not harm? Please share!

This month we'll consider her acts, "She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands."

What does this mean to you? (Discuss)

Ladies—WHO LIKES TO SHOP?? LOL! This applies to shopping for both clothing and food. I have to admit, I rock at this one! But truly, ladies, do you spend more time shopping for yourself, or for your family & others? Who here knows their Amazon driver by name?

The word EAGER means, "wanting to do something very much". Do you look forward to those trips to the grocery, or to the Mall? Or do you procrastinate, putting off the inevitable drudgery until there isn't a crumb big enough for a mouse to eat in the pantry?

I think this section is speaking to our *attitude* about such mundane things. Strive to be eager, as would the Noble Wife.

*~Pray~*

Lord God in heaven, hallowed be thy name. We come to you now asking you to instill in us an attitude of *eagerness* as we go about shopping for the clothing and groceries our families need. Help us to remember to do all things as we would do unto you.



## *Month 3 Devotion: The Wife of Noble Character*

*Open your bible & read Proverbs 31:10-14*

“She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar”; what are we to understand from this? Many commentaries agree that the Noble Wife ventures beyond her local community in order to find the best foods, the best prices or trade terms.

While this may be true, what stands out to me is that she went on long journeys in order to accomplish this. She must have had great faith in God but also her household servants & children to depart from them for such an extended period.

Have you ever had to take a business or personal trip leaving your child/ren in the care of another? Imagine all the preparation you undertook to allow yourself to go. Food, schedules, logistics, etc.

And while you were away, did you feel guilty, or stress & worry the entire time? Or did you rely on the protection of God & have faith in both your caregiver & your child/ren? Perhaps God is teaching you today that it's ok to be away. He's giving you that permission and reminding you that he's got things well in hand. You can rely on Him to manage your home while you are afar like a merchant ship!

God, Thank you for this day. Thank you for your many blessings.

Thank you for opportunities to travel for work & for pleasure.

Remind us Lord, that in our absence your love & protection remains & give us the peace that only you may give.

*~ AMEN*





## *Month 4 Devotion: The Wife of Noble Character*

*Open your bible & read Proverbs 31:10-15*

Who gets 8 hours of sleep? Anyone? Certainly not the Noble Woman, “she gets up while it is still night!” It’s fairly normal for the woman of the house to be awake before the rest.

The question though is; what are you doing with that time? Are you being intentional in those quiet early moments to pray? Do your thoughts immediately go to God, or to the list of things you need to accomplish that day? Do you read your bible or do you scroll through Facebook & TikTok?

The Noble Woman rises early to prepare food for her family & female servants. Notice it doesn’t say male servants. That’s because the female servants have families of their own they must provide for as they too are reliant on her.

She prepares the food while the rest still slumber so that it is ready when they awaken. Who doesn’t love to wake up to the smell of bacon or fresh biscuits? I don’t eat pork, but I do enjoy the aroma. Do you feel that you’re blessing your family when you prepare breakfast for them? Whether it’s a homecooked warm meal, or cereal with milk, the very act of preparing food for them is an act of love.

Remind yourself it’s not just a task, but an accomplishment!

Lord, let us remember to awaken early & use that time fruitfully. Let us seek first your kingdom and prepare our daily meals with loving hands, allowing us to feel the blessing of that provision ~ *AMEN*

