

Words of Agur Proverbs 30 pt. 2

“There is a generation that curses its father and does not bless its mother.”

-Proverbs 30:11

As you reflect on how you were raised, what are some effective ways to encourage future generations?

*Connect learning to r_____ life

*Create g_____ oriented spaces

*Invite y_____ into decision making

*Provide mentorship n_____

*Encourage civic engagement

*Support y_____ led initiatives

“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.”

● Words of Agur Pt 2

7-9 Two things I ask of you; don't deny them to me before I die: Keep falsehood and deceitful words far from me. Give me neither poverty nor wealth; feed me with the food I need. Otherwise, I might have too much and deny you, saying, “Who is the LORD?” or I might have nothing and steal, profaning the name of my God.

Notice what Agur's praying for:

I _____: the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.

❖ *Keep f_____ and d_____ words far from me.*

Why is it important to be honest?

*Trust & connection

*R_____ & credibility

*Moral integrity

*Emotional well-b_____

*Reflects our c_____

□ Proverbs 12:22; Colossians 3:9

❖ *Give me neither p_____ nor w_____; feed me with the food I n_____.*

Why is it important to be content?

*Reduced s_____

*Better d_____ -making

*Greater gratitude

*Freedom from c_____

□ Hebrews 13:5-6

What could happen to someone who has no restraints or regard for integrity?

*D____: Refusing to admit the truth.

*P____: Treating something sacred with abuse, irreverence, or contempt.

❖ **Otherwise, I might have too much and d____ you, saying, “Who is the LORD?”
or I might have nothing and steal, p____ the name of my God.**

□ Deut. 8:12-14; Leviticus 19:11-12; Hosea 13:6

10 Don’t slander a servant to his master or he will curse you, and you will become guilty.

What is the main idea of this verse?

❖ Mind your ____ business! 1 Thess. 4:11

Slander: accuse, to wag the tongue, to use the tongue to harm another’s reputation, defamation, backbiting.

What are some examples of slander?

*Criticism that is untrue & h_____

*Exaggerating a situation

*T_____

*Magnifying minor concerns

*G_____

This verse can also apply to those who encourage workers to speak poorly about their supervisor. In any case it commands that we respect the worker/supervisor relationship as it being between them and no one should interfere.

What are some dangers of slander?

*Causes h_____

*Discourages growth & development

*Consume one another

*Shame & e_____

❖ **he will c_____ you, and you will become g_____.**

□ Deut. 24:15; Galatians 5:15; Ephesians 4:32; James 1:26

**11-14 There is a generation that curses its father and does not bless its mother.
There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, yet is not washed from its filth.**

There is a generation—how haughty its eyes and pretentious its looks. There is a generation whose teeth are swords, whose fangs are knives, devouring the oppressed from the land and the needy from among mankind.

What is the main idea of these verses?

□ The reality of foolish and sinful g_____.

Notice the nature of these 4 generations:

1. Disobedient to their parents; those who disobey God's command to honor father and mother put their foolishness on display.

What are some potential consequences of dishonoring your parents?

*Judgement & C_____ *Shortened l_____ *Broken r_____

□ Proverbs 20:20

2. Blind to their own stain of sin; instead of confessing and repenting they ignore or cover their sin. Clean on the outside but dirty on the inside.

What are some pitfalls of refusing to admit we have sinned?

*Nothing gets r_____ *Internal guilt builds up *Repeating p_____

□ Proverbs 26:11

3. Walks in pride and arrogance; turning up their nose, looking down on others, and despising them in comparison of themselves.

Why is pride and arrogance so dangerous?

*Resistance to c_____ *Blinds our own f_____ *Self deception

□ Isaiah 5:15

4. Filled with greed; devouring everything and everyone in their path. They are cruel oppressors who devour the poor.

How does greed impact those who want more and more?

*Never s_____ *loss of gratitude Luke 12:15

Why is it important that we hear about all these generations and their actions?

□ So we clearly understand what is and what isn't acceptable to God.

□ Philippians 2:15

**“When we allow God to use us, we can shine His light in dark places
and share His message of love.”**