Words of Agur
Proverbs 30 pt. 4

"Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise."
-Proverbs 30:24

Reflecting on the lessons learned in life, what are some ways you have grown in wisdom?

*Having a r_____ with God *Reading & Memorizing s_____

*L_____ from correction *Slow down you d_____

*Associate with those who are w_____ *Practice humility

"To acquire knowledge, one must study, but to acquire wisdom, one must observe."

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21-23 The earth trembles under three things; it cannot bear up under four: a servant when he becomes king, a fool when he is stuffed with food, an unloved woman when she marries, and a servant girl when she ousts her queen.

Notice the technique Agur uses:

- The poetic number plus _____: Job 5:19; Amos 1:3
- Deliberate e_____

Is he refering to the physical land or the people of the land?

These four issues are so serious they cause instability when moved out of their proper place. It is not to say these people are undeserving of an improvement, but rather, suddenly transposing and unqualified person to authority or promotion can be unbearable.

***Servant when he becomes _____:** someone who thinks/lives as a slave instead of a free man. A servant who suddenly rises to power and gains authority over others does not have training or the disposition to rule well. (Genesis 39:2-3; 41:41)

***Fool when he is _____ with food:** someone without spiritual perception, lacking good sense is given everything they want, they are less sensitive to _____ will.

What are some characteristics of people who are spoiled?

*E_____ behavior *Impatience *Low e_____

*Blame s_____ *Disrespect for b_____ *fragile self-e_____

***Unloved women when she _____:** a woman who feels rejected or scorned may become bitter and carry those emotions into her marriage or family dynamics.

- Genesis 29:16-17; 31; 1 Samuel 1:1-8

***Servant girl who _____ her queen:** Similar to the first, this was the threat Sarai was concerned about with Hagar. (Genesis 16:5; 21:10)

24-28 Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: ants are not a strong people, yet they store up their food in the summer; hyraxes are not a mighty people, yet they make their homes in the cliffs; locusts have no king, yet all of them march in ranks; a lizard can be caught in your hands, yet it lives in kings' palaces.

What is the main idea?

- S_____ doesn't determine w_____

As Agur continues his list of numbered things as he moves to those things that are small but exceedingly wise. His opening statement supports the Biblical view that wisdom is greater than strength, wealth, or power.

Small: least, lesser, insignificant or unimportant.

Wise: good judement, God's will, common sense.

***Ants:** Although they are small and don't have much strength compared to a person or large animal. Their wisdom is shown in how they p_____ for the summer.

- Proverbs 6:6-8

***Hyraxes:** Although these small furry mammals don't have the speed or strength to stand against large predators, their wisdom is shown by the ability to make their homes in rocks, making the strength of the rock their own s_____.

"It shall be to our wisdom to work ourselves into the rock of Christ Jesus, where we shall be safe from hellish hunters." -Trapp

***Locust:** Although these small insects have no king or hiarchy structure, their wisdom is shown by their ability to come together in swarms.

- Exodus 10:3-6; Joel 1:4

***Lizard:** Although this small reptile can be caught in your hands, their wisdom is shown by how they gain access into king's palaces and mansions with ease.

As you reflect on these small things, how can we apply this concept in our lives?

*Get w_____ now *Although our lives are small, we too can use w_____

- Psalm 8:4-5; James 4:14; Matthew 6:26

29-31 Three things are stately in their stride; four are stately in their walk: a lion, which is mightiest among beasts and doesn't retreat before anything; a strutting rooster; a goat; and a king at the head of his army.

What is the main idea?

- Four examples of walking in b_____ & m_____

All of these are in contrast to the humble animals in the previous verses.

***Lion:** King of the jungle, symbolic of courage, bold, moves swiftly, never retreats and is respected among other animals.

- Proverbs 28:1; Revelation 5:5

Rooster: Walks proud and confident.

Goat: Stands firmly, stubbornly.

King: Head of his army, powerful.
As you reflect on these majestic and bold examples, how can we apply this concept of walking in our lives?

*W_____ in boldness and c_____ in God's presence.

*S_____ firm in the faith of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*No F_____!

- Ephesians 3:12; Hebrews 4:16; 1 John 3:21-22

What is one thing you have learned that you are willing to share with someone else?

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment."-2 Timothy 1:7