

Words of Agur

Proverbs 30 pt. 5 & Word of Lemuel pt 1

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-Proverbs 30:33

What are some ways people provoke others to arguments and fights?

- *Personal a _____
- *Mocking or belittling
- *Button p _____
- *Gaslighting
- *Blame s _____
- *Interrupting or taking over
- *Exaggeration & a _____
- *Public confrontation
- *S _____ treatment

“When discouragement comes, don’t stop. Dig deep and fight it through!”

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32-33 If you have been foolish by exalting yourself or if you’ve been scheming, put your hand over your mouth. For the churning of milk produces butter, and twisting a nose draws blood, and stirring up anger produces strife.

What is the warning in these verses?

- Beware of unwise, un _____, or un _____ speech.

Notice the nature of unwise speech:

- Self E _____: Advance, arise, raise, praise, elevation, magnify, regard; to lift, literal and figurative.
- S _____: Plot, devise, think evil, to plan in a bad sense.

What would you suggest to someone who has been speaking unwisely?

- *Stop t _____
 - *Be h _____
 - *Watch your m _____
- Agur says, *put your hand _____ your mouth.*

- Psalm 131:1; James 4:6; 10

What could happen if someone continues speaking unwisely?

- *Stirs up a _____
- *P _____ strife
- *Damage reputation
- *People start pushing b _____

Agur is saying, those who make t _____ get into t _____!

Instead of speaking unwise, how does the Bible encourage us to speak?

- *With g _____
- *Unharmful
- *E _____

- Col. 4:6; 1 Thess. 5:11; Eph. 4:29

1-2 The words of King Lemuel, a pronouncement that his mother taught him: What should I say, my son? What, son of my womb? What, son of my vows?

Just like we didn't know much about Agur, so it is with King Lemuel. Some Historians suggest he may have been a pagan king who put his trust in the Lord God of Israel, and learned the fear of the Lord.

Lemuel: means b_____ to God

What is his reflection?

□ Lessons from his m_____

This pronouncement is a reminder of the impact/influence mother's have on their children. In light of this, parents must be mindful of the things they t_____ and s_____ with their children.

Notice the questions of the mother:

What should I say, my son? What, son of my womb? What, son of my vows?

She connects with her son in 3 ways:

*S_____ *W_____ *V_____

□ 1 Samuel 1:10-11

As you reflect on being a mother, what are some questions you have had?

*H__ do I teach them? *W_____ do I encourage them?

*W_____ do I allow them to go? *Who else should encourage them?

□ Psalm 127:3

What kind of influence should a mother aim to have with her son?

*Emotional g_____ *Respect for boundaries *Moral c_____

*Confidence without arrogance *Independence & c_____

*Respect for w_____

□ Proverbs 22:6

Does a mother ever stop being a parent? _____

● Lemuel is a _____ and his mother is still giving wise a _____.

□ Proverbs 1:8; Isaiah 49:15; Titus 2:4

3-5 Don't spend your energy on women or your efforts on those who destroy kings. It is not for kings, Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine or for rulers to desire beer. Otherwise, he will drink, forget what is decreed, and pervert justice for all the oppressed.

What is the main idea?

□ **Set your b_____!**

Notice the things that destroy kings:

● L_____ : 2 Samuel 11:2-4

● Misguided l_____ : 1 Kings 11: 1-4

● D_____ : 1 Kings 16:8-10; Ephesians 5:18

What happens when a leader fails in these areas?

*They become v_____ *They open themselves up to w_____

*They don't L_____ with wisdom and I_____

Otherwise, he will drink, forget what is decreed, and pervert justice for all the oppressed.

In this instance, drinking may dull their minds, causing c_____. By being confused this could lead to favoritism given to the wicked and depriving the righteous out of justice. King Lemuel's mother advises that a leader distracted by addiction may bring more h_____ than g_____.

□ Proverbs 23:29-35

How can this apply to anyone as a leader at home, family, place of employment, or community?

- Without proper restraint, we could d_____ those who are watching and d_____ our heavenly Father.

□ Romans 13:13

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

“Distraction wastes our energy, concentration restores it.”