

The Danger of Discontent

This 5-day devotional guide is based on Proverbs 30:15-16 and will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "The Danger of Discontent," in the preaching series, "Wisdom in Plain Sight." It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week ending Saturday, July 25, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Proverbs 30:15a

Questions for Reflection

- What image is used in this verse to describe desire?
- What repeated phrase highlights the problem being described?
- Why does Scripture often picture sinful desire as something that never feels satisfied?
- Where do you see unchecked desire creating problems in your own heart?

Questions for Children

- What creature is talked about here?
- What does it keep saying it wants?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help me recognize desires that are never satisfied. Teach me to bring my longings under Your control.

Tuesday

Scripture: Proverbs 30:15b

Questions for Reflection

- How many things are mentioned as never being satisfied?
- What does this list suggest about the nature of human desire?
- Why is it dangerous to live as if "enough" is never enough?
- What desires most often tempt you to want more than God has given?

Questions for Children

- How many things are listed that never say, "Enough"?
- Do these things ever feel full?

Prayer Prompt

God, show me where my heart is restless and unsatisfied. Help me learn contentment in what You provide.

Wednesday

Scripture: Proverbs 30:16a

Questions for Reflection

- What natural examples are used to describe insatiable things?
- What do these examples have in common?
- How do these pictures help us understand the danger of discontent?

- In what ways can discontent quietly grow if it is not checked?

Questions for Children

- What things from nature are listed in this verse?
- Do these things ever stop wanting more?

Prayer Prompt

Father, help me see discontent before it grows stronger. Give me wisdom to recognize when desire is becoming unhealthy.

Thursday

Scripture: Proverbs 30:16b

Questions for Reflection

- What final image is used to describe something never satisfied?
- How does this image emphasize constant craving?
- Why does comparing desire to fire help us understand its danger?
- What steps can you take to prevent desire from controlling your choices?

Questions for Children

- What last thing is mentioned that never says, "Enough"?
- Is fire safe if it keeps growing?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, protect my heart from desires that burn out of control. Help me seek what

pleases You instead of what feeds discontent.

Friday

Scripture: Proverbs 30:15-16

Questions for Reflection

- What overall warning do these verses give about desire?
- How do all the examples work together to teach one main lesson?
- Why is contentment a necessary part of godly wisdom?
- What would it look like for you to practice gratitude and restraint this week?

Questions for Children

- What do these verses teach about always wanting more?
- Does God want us to be thankful for what we have?

Prayer Prompt

God, teach me to be content with what You give. Help me live with gratitude and wisdom instead of discontent and craving.