

Marks of a Proud Generation

This 5-day devotional guide is based on Proverbs 30:11-14, 17, 20 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, August 1, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Proverbs 30:11

Questions for Reflection

- What attitude toward parents is described in this verse?
- What does this verse suggest about respect and authority?
- Why does pride often show itself first in how we treat authority figures?
- How can honoring parents reflect humility before God?

Questions for Children

- What does this verse say some people do to their parents?
- Does God want children to respect their parents?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, guard my heart from pride that shows up as disrespect. Help me honor

those You have placed in authority over me.

Tuesday

Scripture: Proverbs 30:12

Questions for Reflection

- How does this verse describe people's view of themselves?
- What important problem is revealed about their spiritual condition?
- Why is self-righteousness a dangerous form of pride?
- Where might you be tempted to excuse sin instead of confessing it?

Questions for Children

- What do these people think about themselves?
- Are they really clean on the inside?

Prayer Prompt

God, help me see my heart clearly. Keep me from thinking I am right with You while ignoring sin in my life.

Wednesday

Scripture: Proverbs 30:13

Questions for Reflection

- What physical features are used to describe pride in this verse?
- What attitude do these images communicate?
- How can pride affect the way we look at or treat others?

- What helps you maintain humility instead of looking down on people?

Questions for Children

- What does this verse say about their eyes and looks?
- Do these people act humble or proud?

Prayer Prompt

Father, protect me from pride that shows itself in my attitude toward others. Teach me to walk humbly before You and people.

Thursday

Scripture: Proverbs 30:14

Questions for Reflection

- How does this verse describe the actions of this generation?
- Who is harmed by their pride and behavior?
- Why does pride often lead to cruelty or lack of compassion?
- How can humility shape the way you treat those who are vulnerable?

Questions for Children

- What do these people do to others?
- Are they kind or hurtful?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, soften my heart toward those in need. Help me show kindness and

compassion instead of pride and harshness.

Friday

Scripture: Proverbs 11:17; Proverbs 11:20

Questions for Reflection

- How do these verses describe the difference between the merciful and the proud?
- What does God say about those who live with integrity?
- How do these verses help define the opposite of a proud generation?
- What would it look like for you to practice mercy and integrity this week?

Questions for Children

- Who does good to themselves in these verses?
- Who makes God happy?

Prayer Prompt

God, shape my heart to love what You love. Help me live with mercy, integrity, and humility in a proud world.