

Consider the Consequences

This 5-day devotional guide is based on Proverbs 30:32-33 and will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "Consider the Consequences," 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 29, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Proverbs 30:32

Questions for Reflection

- What kinds of behavior are mentioned in this verse?
- What action does Agur urge a person to take instead of continuing in folly?
- Why is self-control an important part of wisdom?
- How can stopping and listening help prevent greater trouble?

Questions for Children

- What does this verse tell someone to do with their mouth?
- Is it good to stop when you realize you are doing wrong?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help me recognize foolish thoughts and actions quickly. Teach me to pause, listen, and respond with wisdom.

Tuesday

Scripture: Proverbs 30:32

Questions for Reflection

- How does this verse connect pride with foolish behavior?
- What warning is implied by the instruction given?
- Why does pride often make it hard to stop or admit wrong?
- Where do you most need humility to change course right now?

Questions for Children

- What bad attitude can lead someone to do foolish things?
- Does God want us to be proud or humble?

Prayer Prompt

God, protect my heart from pride that leads to foolishness. Help me walk humbly and be willing to change when You correct me.

Wednesday

Scripture: Proverbs 30:33a

Questions for Reflection

- What everyday example is used to illustrate cause and effect?
- What inevitable result comes from this action?
- Why does wisdom pay attention to predictable outcomes?
- How can thinking ahead help you make better choices?

Questions for Children

- What happens when milk is churned?
- Does the result surprise anyone?

Prayer Prompt

Father, teach me to think well about where my actions lead. Help me choose wisely instead of thoughtlessly.

Thursday

Scripture: Proverbs 30:33b

Questions for Reflection

- What second illustration does Agur give in this verse?
- What result naturally follows this action?
- Why does anger often escalate rather than stay small?
- What steps can you take to respond calmly instead of reacting in anger?

Questions for Children

- What happens when someone presses a nose too hard?
- Does that lead to something good or bad?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, help me control my anger before it grows. Teach me to respond gently instead of reacting harshly.

Friday

Scripture: Proverbs 30:32-33

Questions for Reflection

- What common lesson ties these verses together?
- How do these examples show that actions have consequences?
- Why is it wise to stop sinful patterns early rather than later?
- What habit or attitude might God be calling you to address now?

Questions for Children

- What do these verses teach about what happens after we make choices?
- Does God want us to think before we act?

Prayer Prompt

God, help me consider the consequences of my choices. Give me wisdom to act in ways that honor You and bring peace.