

FOUR LITTLE WISE THINGS ON EARTH 191

TEXT: Prov. 30:24-28.

INTRODUCTION:

A. Little things can be important.

1. Grains of sand make up the beach.
2. Drops of water make the ocean.
3. Tiny particles of limestone form huge stalagmites and stalactites.
4. In fact, life has more to do with little things than big ones.

B. Man is the crown and glory of God's creation- Psa. 8:3-8 **When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, All sheep and oxen--Even the beasts of the field, The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.**

1. We have great intelligence, yet God said Prov. 6:6, **"Go to the ant..."**
2. Evidently, we are not as smart as we think we are.

C. So many lessons can be learned from little things:

1. Radar from bats.
2. Shakespeare said, "Sermons in stones, tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, and good in everything."

D. Let's go to these four little things and learn some lessons for our Christians lives.

BODY:

I. THE ANT (PROV. 30:25). "The ants are a people not strong, Yet they prepare their food in the summer;"

A. Prov 6:6 -11 **Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest. How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep-- So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.**

B. The main lesson here is WHEN? NOW (Ecc. 11:6) **In the morning sow your seed, And in the evening do not withhold your hand; For you do not know which will prosper, Either this or that, Or whether both alike will be good.**

1. Example; The grasshopper came to the ant in the winter for food. "What did you do all summer?" "I sang", said the grasshopper. "Then you will dance all winter," replied the ant.
2. Jn. 9:4 **"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."**
3. Heb. 3:15.
4. 2 Cor. 6:2.
5. Ecc. 9:10- Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.
6. Prov. 27:1 "Do not boast about tomorrow for you do not know what a day may bring forth."

C. Thrift lesson- Matt. 14:20.

D. Other lessons learned from the Ant.

1. They are unselfish- help one another.
2. They cooperate, pull together in the same direction.
3. Take advantage of opportunities- Gal. 6:10 **"Therefore as we..."**

II. THE ROCK BADGERS (CONIES) (Prov. 30:26) **The rock badgers are a feeble folk, Yet they make their homes in the crags;**

A. Similar to the rabbit.

1. They inhabit Palestine.
2. They are feeble, defenseless to other animals, yet, they make a safe home in the rocks.

B. The lesson here is PLACE, WHERE? - Matt. 16:18.

1. We are building for eternity, we must be sure of the foundation.
 - a. Matt. 7:24-28.
 - b. Isa. 28:16- **Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.**

c. 1 Cor. 3:11- **For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

2. There is an ever present danger of getting out of place.

3. The church is our place, happy are we when we find it and stay there.

a. If we go astray we must come back to safety.

b. We must try to gather other lost ones back.

(1). Gal. 6:1-2.

(2). Jas. 5:19-20.

III. THE LOCUSTS (PROV. 30:27)- **The locusts have no king, Yet they all advance in ranks;**

A. This is the great lesson of willingness: HOW?

1. Though they have no leader, they go forth in bands.

2. They do this because they are eager to do their work.

B. With the greatest king in heaven and on earth, we still have divisions, factions, and quarrellings.

1. 1 Cor. 1:10-13.

2. Jn. 17:20-21.

3. **James 4:1- Where do wars and fights [come] from among you? Do [they] not [come] from your [desires] [for] pleasure that war in your members?**

C. Willingness to serve God should bind us together- Titus 3:1-8.

D. Duties, burdens are light if done by willing hands.

1. 2 Cor. 8:10-12.

2. 2 Cor. 9:7.

3. Rev. 22:17.

IV. THE SPIDER (PROV. 30:28)- **The spider skillfully grasps with its hands, And it is in kings' palaces.**

A. This is the great lesson of WHO? Every creature.

1. Spiders are ever present, cobwebs even in Kings palaces.

2. We have an ever present duty to preach the Gospel- Mk. 16:15-16.

B. Lesson of personal responsibility.

1. Phil. 2:12.
2. Take hold of the task with your hands.

C. Lesson of climbing upward from lowly circumstances.

1. Moses- murderer to leader.
2. David- Sheep pen to the crown.
3. “The man of the hour spent much more time getting there.”
4. Heights by great men, reached and kept—Were not attained by sudden flight;-
- But they, while their companions slept—Were toiling upward in the night.”

D. The lesson of diligence.

1. Eph. 5:16 **“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”**
2. Rom. 12:11 **“Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit serving the Lord.”**
3. Ps. 90:12 **“teach us to number our days, that we gain a heart of wisdom.”**

E. The lesson of skill: a beautiful web.

1. Psa. 90:17 **let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.**
2. 1 Tim. 2:8-10.

F. Lesson of persistence.

1. Rev. 2:10.
2. Phil. 3:13-14.
3. Matt. 24:13 **“But he who endures to the end will be saved.”**

CONCLUSION:

- A. These are indeed four little wise things on the earth.
- B. Let us learn lessons from them.
- C. Review CHART
 1. ANT- diligent.
 2. RABBIT-Hid in the rock.
 3. LOCUSTS- Work together.
 4. SPIDER- We need to be everywhere showing the beauty of God.