

Message #132

Proverbs 30:24-28

Size and strength do not automatically mean success. Bulk does not mean brains and quantity has little to do with quality.

WISE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND GREATNESS IS NOT DETERMINED BY NUMBERS, BUT BY ACTION.

Now in order to illustrate this point, Agur gives four illustrations from the insect and animal world.

The word “small” in **verse 24** describes something very small, according to most measurements, in both size and worth. The words “exceedingly wise” describe wisdom and skill that excel far beyond the normal limits.

CREATION #1 – The wisdom of the ant. **30:25**

The weakness of the ants is their strength. They are not able to strongly defend themselves in some fortified manner. But the ant demonstrates wisdom in that he is industrious and uses time carefully preparing the food he will need when the summer is over. **The feature that makes the ant so wise is that he is a consistent, disciplined worker with the future in view.**

CREATION #2 – The wisdom of the badger. **30:26**

This particular badger, the “rock badger” is not considered to be some strong, powerful or even numerous animal. Their brilliance is seen in where they make their place of residency—the rocks. The particular Hebrew word for “rock” speaks of a very steep projecting rock, very safe from enemies. **The thing that makes them so wise is that in view of their enemies, they work hard to build their house on the rock.**

CREATION #3 – The wisdom of the locusts. **30:27**

The weakness of the locusts is they have no clear cut leadership—they do not have a king. But the thing that makes them so wise is that even though they have no king, they are an organization that functions as one unit. Every locust has his position in rank and every locust does his part.

CREATION #4 – The wisdom of the lizard. **30:28**

The point here is that a lizard is relatively easy to get hold of, but it still ends up living in a king’s palace. They appear so conquerable, but they can’t be stopped; they live in a place of royalty. God’s people appear so conquerable, yet they will end up in the King’s palace.

Wise people realize that God’s wisdom has much more to do with quality rather than quantity.