

## "Lists to Live By"

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Sunday, November 19, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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*Proverbs 30:1-33*

**BIG IDEA:** Some more annoyingly practical advice for life.

*"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."  
Psalm 9:10 (CSB)*

☞ **A List of Perspectives. (v1-6)**

☞ **A List of Prayer Requests. (v7-9)**

☞ **A List of Generational Foolishness. (v11-14)**

☞ **A List of the Insatiable. (v15-17)**

☞ **A List of Mysteries. (v18-20)**

☞ **A List of Intolerable Conditions. (v21-23)**

☞ **A List of the Small, but Wise. (v24-28)**

☞ **A List of the Dignified. (v29-31)**

☞ **A List of Cause and Effect. (v32-33)**

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**READ:** Proverbs 30:1-33

**THINK:** Review these "lists to live by", and then ask yourself these questions: *In what ways are "the sayings of Agur" similar and distinct from the proverbs of Solomon we've studied so far? What is the point of the literary technique of comparing 3 or 4 items with one another? What do you learn about Agur from the opening verses (v1-9)? What makes the generations of v11-14 "fools" as Proverbs defines the term? How are these "generations" different from Agur? What does it mean for the four items mentioned v15-17 to insatiably leech off others? What is "wondrous" and amazing about the "mysteries" mentioned in v18-19? Why the contrast of v20 to v18-19? What is "intolerable" about the next four things in v21-23? What is so "wise" about the four small creatures (v24-28)? What is "stately" about the final four things mentioned in v29-31? How do v32-33 serve as a summary and conclusion to the rest of the chapter?*

**DO:** How does this passage confront and challenge our tendencies toward the SELF-LIFE? What are the top three life skills you intend to immediately pursue and develop as you seek to master THE ART OF LIVING?