

## How To Be Exceedingly Wise “Success Basics 101” CR Message 8/2020

### Proverbs 30: 24-28

There are four *things which* are little on the earth, But they *are* exceedingly wise: <sup>25</sup> The ants *are* a people not strong, Yet they prepare their food in the summer; <sup>26</sup> The <sup>Ⓜ</sup>rock badgers are a feeble folk, Yet they make their homes in the crags; <sup>27</sup> The locusts have no king, Yet they all advance in ranks; <sup>28</sup> The <sup>Ⓜ</sup>spider skillfully grasps with its hands, And it is in kings’ palaces.

#### I. The Art of Preparation

<sup>25</sup> The ants *are* a people not strong, Yet they **prepare** their food in the summer

*Reflection: Ask yourself what is God preparing me to do or be? He is always thinking about your future and what small steps can you begin to take now in preparation for it?*

#### II. Living Among the Rocks/Cliffs- Embracing Change and Uncertainty

26: The <sup>Ⓜ</sup>rock badgers are a feeble folk, Yet they make their homes in the crags;

- A. *Taking risks*
- B. *Facing your fears*
- C. *Accepting change*
- D. *Embracing uncertainty*
- E. *Increasing your perception*

*Reflection: Think about something you have always wanted to do or **risk** doing, but were afraid to fail and venture outside your comfort zone. This may be the time to take that risk.*

Reflection: What's **fears** is God trying to have you overcome and face, so that He can free you from them?

Reflection: What **change** is God trying to get you to except in your life at this time?

Reflection: Where do you need to embrace **uncertainty** in your life?

Reflection: How do we **increase our perception**: take a moment looking at your past and try and ask God to show you what good has come out of it?

### **III. Leading by Example, Doing the Right Thing At the Right Time**

<sup>27</sup> The locusts have no king, Yet they all advance in ranks;

- Be a person of influence
  - Take initiative
  - Be a model
  - Follow God's timetable
  - And be thankful

Reflection: Begin keeping a **thankful journal** and write down daily three things you are thankful for.

### **IV. Cultivating Your Unique Skills and Abilities**

<sup>28</sup> The spider skillfully grasps with its hands, And it is in kings' palaces.

How do you accomplish this?

- By developing self-acceptance
- Focusing on your strengths
- Setting goals
- Increase your expectations

Reflection: increase self-acceptance by filling out this sentence completion:

- If I like myself 5% more
- To increase my self-esteem
- To become 5% more compassionate toward myself
- I am beginning to see that