

Chapter 30 In a Nutshell (A father rebuking his older sons)

	What Agur saw them doing (indicators)	Why they did these things (The root causes)	What they needed to understand (The surface (The opportunity for correction)
Disrespect for Parental Authority	Verses 1-4 Dad used sarcasm to help these boys see that they didn't know everything after all.	Verse 11 They had no respect for their parents and were vocal about it.	Verses 15-17 They needed to understand that their rebellion would someday come to an abrupt and tragic end.
Distorted view of Sin	Verses 5-6 Dad confronted them about trying to be spiritual leaders.	Verse 12 They could not see themselves as sinners or recognize the need to repent.	Verses 18-20 They needed to recognize their own sin as readily as they recognized the sin of an adulterous woman.
Disgusting Pride and Arrogance	Verses 7-9 Dad confronted them about expecting the best and the most of everything.	Verse 13 They were proud, arrogant, and saw themselves as better and more deserving than everyone around them.	Verses 21-23 They needed to realize that others could not bear up under their proud and critical spirit any better than they could bear up under the four people mentioned in this example.
Destructive and Critical Spirit	Verse 10 Dad confronted them about slandering others.	Verse 14 They were critical of other people and sought to destroy those they felt did not deserve to live.	Verses 24-28 They needed to understand that there is some value in every living thing, including the people they considered useless to society.

Conclusion and plea for repentance

Verses 29-31 Boys, some things are stately, but you two are not among them.	Verses 32-33 Repent and turn from your sin before the devastating consequences of your actions catch up with you.
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