

# the five FOUNDATION STONES

Build Your Life as You Build the Kingdom • The Stone of Wisdom

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Proverbs 30:24-28 TNIV

**Key question for the series: *What is your life built upon?***

## Introduction on Wisdom:

1. *Wisdom* is highly valuing God's word and principles
  - a. Proverbs 4:7-9
    - i. *Cherish, exalt* and *embrace* wisdom in 2013
2. *Wisdom* is setting your mind on what the Spirit desires.
  - a. Romans 8:5
    - i. It's not about what you can dream up and desire for 2013, but living in accordance to the Holy Spirit's desires for your life will bring blessing!
3. Wisdom is making choices and taking **small steps** that lead to fruitfulness in Christ

**Key Text: "Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: 25 Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer; 26 hyraxes are creatures of little power, yet they make their home in the crags; 27 locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks; 28 a lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces. Proverbs 30:24-28 (TNIV)**

God gives us four creatures to study so we can realize the way of wisdom.

Four Wise Creatures:

- Ant
- Hyrax
- Locust
- Lizard

## Building Your Life on the Stone of Wisdom

1. **Ants** take advantage of God's grace in time.
  - "*Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer*"
  - God builds his grace into time, but what are we doing with our time?
  - The people who are the most blessed are not those who are the richest and smartest, but rather those who take advantage of the day God gives them.

**Key Takeaway: Wisdom works by taking a step and casting a seed.**

- Ecclesiastes 11: 6

2. **Hyraxes** take advantage of God's shelter.

- *"...hyraxes are creatures of little power, yet they make their home in the crags..."*
- Hyraxes look like groundhogs but instead of burying themselves in the ground, they find shelter in rocks.
  - You don't have to protect yourself, but rather find shelter in the arms of Jesus
- Hyraxes are also known for singing!
  - They gather together in groups of 50-100 and when a storm comes, they begin singing

**Key Takeaway: Wisdom chooses God's shelter over fear**

Practice praising God this year, no matter what comes your way. Tuck into His shelter and sing in the midst of storms or sunny skies.

- Proverbs 18:10

3. **Locusts** take advantage of God's ordained order.

- *"locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks ..."*
- The desert locust is one of humanities oldest enemies. They fly in groups creating large clouds that can block out the sun for hours and can tons of food in just hours!
  - They advance together in **ranks**.
- God has a place for the locust, how could He not have one for you?
  - There is absence of blessing when you're unwilling to take your place in the Body of Christ

**Key Takeaway: Wisdom willingly takes its place in the Kingdom**

- Psalm 32:8,9

4. **Lizards** take advantage of the King's presence.

- *"...a lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces."*
- The lizard can be very weak and be caught easily.
- We are all weak, but it is wise for us to stay in the King's presence. That's where we are made strong!
  - Most Christians do not read their bibles more than 3 or 4 times a week!
  - We need to be experts of knowing God as we would excel in any other area of life!

**Key Takeaway: Wisdom is knowing how to deal with your weakness by staying close to the King!**

- Hebrews 4:16