

# There Are Those...

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Proverbs 30:11-14; 15-20

Thesis: To cause the Christian to evaluate his/her life to make sure he isn't "one of those".

Introduction:

- A) We need to take inventory of our lives.
  - a. Some businesses close after an inventory because the store has done so poorly.
  - b. A lot of times the cause is internal theft.
- B) Are we producing fruit as we have been instructed to do?

Discussion:

- I) Curse Their Fathers vs. 11
  - a. Explain the verse.
    - i. To curse meant to wish harm upon another.
    - ii. Punishable by death – Exo. 21:17
    - iii. Would be cursed – Prov 30:17
  - b. Illustrate
    - i. When children are the head of the household things like this are sure to happen.
    - ii. How will children learn to respect God if they don't respect their parents?
  - c. Apply
    - i. Honor your father and mother – Exo 20:12
    - ii. 1Jn 2:10-11
- II) Pure In Their Own Eyes vs. 12
  - a. Explain
    - i. Trusting in themselves that they are righteous.
    - ii. Titus 3:5
    - iii. They hold themselves to their own standard – Jer 2:22
  - b. Illustrate
    - i. Pharisee and Publican – Lk. 18:9
    - ii. Children sometimes have a different definition of what it means to take a bath. They have their own standards of clean that don't usually meet with their parents approval.
  - c. Apply
    - i. What is our standard?
    - ii. How are we trying to be washed from our sins?
      - 1. God's Way – Acts 22:16
      - 2. Or mans way?
- III) O How Lofty Are Their Eyes vs. 13
  - a. Explain
    - i. They look at the poor and unlearned with disdain and contempt (conceit).

- ii. Wealth and friends is all that matters to them – Prov 19:4
  - b. Illustrate
    - i. Rich man and Lazerus – Lk. 16:19
    - ii. Looked down on the poor and lost his soul because of it.
  - c. Apply
    - i. Jesus ate with the sinners – Mark 2:15
    - ii. The Jews would never convert anyone looking down on them.
    - iii. Matt 5:16 The light of a conceited Christian is not a light that will attract anyone to Christ.
- IV) Whose Teeth Are As Swords vs. 14
  - a. Explain
    - i. They looked at the helpless as prey instead of someone to help.
    - ii. People of power who oppressed the poor to gain a little more power.
    - iii. Many dictators in history have fit into this category of sin which God despises.
  - b. Illustration
    - i. Many people in the world think they will get away with this sin.
    - ii. Psalm 57:4
  - c. Apply
    - i. We must oppose those who oppress the poor.
    - ii. But even we can fall into this category.
    - iii. Rom 1:29-32

Conclusion:

- A) Are you “one of those”?
- B) Have you obeyed the Gospel?