

## ***Proverbs 30:7-9***

“Two things I ask of you, Lord; do not refuse me before I die:  
Keep falsehood and lies far from me;  
Give me neither poverty nor riches,  
but give me only my daily bread.  
Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is  
the Lord?’  
Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my  
God.”  
— *Proverbs 30:7-9*

### **1. A Prayer for Balance, Not Extremes**

This prayer by Agur (the author of Proverbs 30) is a rare but powerful example of spiritual maturity. While many of us pray for abundance, Agur prays for **just enough**. He’s not asking out of fear or laziness—but from a heart that understands human weakness. Theologically, this prayer reflects the principle of **dependence on God** for daily needs, as echoed in **Jesus’ prayer**:

“Give us today our daily bread.” — *Matthew 6:11*

Agur’s concern is that too much might lead him to **self-sufficiency**—a kind of pride that forgets God. And too little might lead to **sin** out of desperation. This reveals a deep understanding of **human depravity** (Romans 3:23) and the dangers of both excess and lack.

## 2. The Idol of “Having It All” — Material and Spiritual

Most of us can easily pray not to be poor. But how many of us can honestly pray, “*Lord, don’t make me rich*”?

In today’s culture—both in the world and sometimes in the church—there’s a growing obsession with **accumulating**: more wealth, more status, even more spiritual gifts. But Scripture warns us:

“Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires...”

— *1 Timothy 6:9*

And not just materially—this can apply spiritually too. Many people, even pastors or ministers, begin to crave all the gifts and all the titles. But Paul teaches that **spiritual gifts** are **given by God according to His will**, not our ambition:

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers...

Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers?”

— *1 Corinthians 12:27-30*

The answer is clearly no. Not everyone is called to have everything. Ministry is not about **position** or **comparison**, but about **faithfulness** in your assigned role.

### 3. Contentment Is Theological

Agur’s prayer also connects deeply with the theology of **contentment**. Paul says:

“I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances...  
whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.”  
— *Philippians 4:11-12*

This contentment is not passive resignation, but **active trust** in God’s provision and wisdom. We honor God not by having everything, but by trusting Him with what He’s given us.

### 4. A Servant’s Heart — Not a Self-Made Spirit

Even Elijah, a prophet full of God’s power, reached a point of deep humility and exhaustion:

“...He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. ‘I have had enough, Lord,’ he said. ‘Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.’”

— *1 Kings 19:4*

Elijah didn’t see himself as superior—even after mighty victories. He knew the weight of his calling. That humility is what made him usable in God’s hands.

## 5. What Does This Mean for Us Today?

- We must stop measuring success by what others have or by how much we lack.
- God’s call on your life is unique, measured by His grace and wisdom—not your desire.
- The more we accept and steward what God has already given us, the more fruit we bear.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others...”

— *1 Peter 4:10*

## **Pray for Enough, Live with Purpose**

Let's ask God not just for abundance, but for **what fits the calling He's given us**. Let us not chase wealth, position, or spiritual superiority—but seek to **serve faithfully** with what we have today. In doing so, we avoid pride, avoid sin, and honor the name of our God.

**May the Lord give us grace to be content, faithful, and focused—today.**

**Shalom.**

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