

A hand is shown in the foreground, reaching out towards a bright sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare and reflecting on the water. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with water and distant land.

Proverbs 30:24-28

Disabilities That Lead To Trust



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OBSERVATION = creatures are “small,”
yet they thrive

“small” = **vulnerable** or **handicapped**









“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness”. *(11 Cor. 12:9)*

ABILITY > self achievement!

DISABILITY > trust in something else!

ANT vs. cold weather ISSUE = food!

- store food in “dry stomach” to be shared with other ants Gross!
- “honey pots” to store liquid sugar
- grow fungus on interior of chamber to harvest during winter
- create glycerol (antifreeze) and slow down metabolism (no food needed)
- Etc.!

Different species use different techniques, but no evidence that ants “worry” about winter. They PREPARE using their abilities and then cope using their preparation.

Tiny ant... big world. No problem because they (apparently) do not fantasize about owning and operating the world. Part of their preparation for winter is their simple focus.

They do not have to see all the world
or solve all the mysteries. Their
expectation and preparation is
focused on survival of winter.

“If a person cleanses himself... He will become an instrument for noble purposes, holy, useful to the Master and **prepared** to do any good work.”

(11 Tim. 2:21)

“Preach the Word. **Be prepared** in season and out of season...” *(11 Tim. 4:2)*

MARMOT (ground hog, prairie dog, etc.)
Knowing they are a McNugget wearing
a fur coat, they are loathe to trust their own
resources or challenge any predator.
Instead they rely on fortification to protect
themselves. They use rocks as roadblocks.

POINT: They cannot stop a predator,
but the rocks can! So they trust the terrain.

WHAT I TRUST is just as crucial as
WHETHER I trust. Smart or successful
people overcome handicaps by trusting
in the right things.

This is what the Lord says. “Cursed is the man who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart forgets the Lord. He will be like a bush in the wastelands and will not see prosperity when it comes... But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water... *(Jeremiah 17:5-8)*

LOCUSTS Agur's observation is that a locust plague or horde seems to be orderly and coordinated. Like birds in migration, they seem to follow and feed off one another regarding direction or destination.

Their unity of purpose is a picture (for us) of trusting in other people. Rather than living a life of suspicion and fear toward fellowmen, seek to TRUST other people until evidence destroys the possibility of trust.

LIZARD (some translations use “spider”...
same point!)

In houses, they are usually deemed undesirable! Ugly, creepy... they get no sympathy. We seek to keep them away from where we eat and sleep... But they show up anyway!

They are vulnerable and unloved. But they do not leave or quit simply because they are unpopular. They rely on tenacity rather than sympathy. Unwelcome anywhere, they tend to show up everywhere (even in the palace.)!

“... this power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed... perplexed... persecuted... but not destroyed... we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in us... we do not lose heart (quit, give up).

Though outwardly we are wasting away
(made to feel unwanted), inwardly we are
being renewed day by day. These
troubles are achieving for us an eternal
glory that far outweighs them all. So we
fix our eyes not on what is seen
(popularity), but on what is unseen
(hanging out in the King's palace!).

(11 Cor. 4)

LIVING VICTORIOUSLY WITH ANY TYPE OF DISABILITY

1. Stop window shopping [drooling over the abilities of others]
2. Focus on what YOU can do rather than what you cannot do.