

THE SIMPLE POWERFUL PRAYER OF AGUR

⁷O God, I beg two favors from you; let me have them before I die.

⁸First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. ⁹For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, 'Who is the Lord?' And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name." Proverbs 30:7-9

1. Agur prayed from a place of _____

→ We can learn a lot about a person by listening to the way he or she _____

→ Agur lays out his _____ before he dies

"Who but God goes up to heaven and comes back down? Who holds the wind in his fists? Who wraps up the oceans in his cloak? Who has created the whole wide world? What is his name—and his son's name? Tell me if you know!" Proverbs 30:4

"Every word of God proves true. He is a shield to all who come to him for protection. Do not add to his words, or he may rebuke you and expose you as a liar." Proverbs 30:5-6

2. Agur prayed for _____

→ That God would _____ him to "never tell a lie" (v. 8)

"You must not testify falsely against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16

"Keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies!" Psalm 34:13 (Commandment #9)

"For the Scriptures say, 'If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies.'" 1 Peter 3:10 (Psalm 34:12-13)

3. Agur prayed for _____

→ That God would _____ him "just enough" (v. 8)

"Give us today the food we need." Matthew 6:11

"I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little." Philippians 4:12

4. Agur identified and understood his _____

→ He prayed for _____ - the perfect balance of getting what you need and needing what you get; not too much and not too little

"Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have." Ecclesiastes 6:9

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." Matthew 6:33

5. Agur prayed to be _____ right with God

→ Agur feared becoming less _____ on God; he wanted to bring honor to God in all he did

"¹¹Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the Lord your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today. ¹²For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in, ¹³and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful! ¹⁴Do not become proud at that time and forget the Lord your God, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt." Deuteronomy 8:11-14

"Life is good when you find your 'sweet spot of satisfaction' that allows you to feel content with where God has you."