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- 3 I have not learned wisdom, nor have I knowledge of the Holy One.

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- 6 Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.
- 7 Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die:

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A wise life begins with a humble **posture**, is cultivated by two **practices**, and is accomplished through Christ's **power**.

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**The Posture** 

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The Practices - 1) Submission to God's Word

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The Practices - 2) Asking for God's Help

# Two practices that we see in Proverbs 30 to cultivate a humble posture:

- 1. submission to God's true word
- 2. asking God for help to be humble

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The Power

Philippians 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

#### The Power

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

#### **Proverbs 30 Application**

- Get together with someone and read a chapter in Proverbs
- 2. Pick out one verse that stuck out to you
- 3. Discuss how you see yourself falling short of the wisdom in that verse
- 4. Consider how Jesus perfectly lived out the wisdom of that verse
- 5. Pray for each other to live in that wisdom with Jesus