

Four Small Things

Part 2 of the *Small Things* series

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Small things, done over a long period of time, create the greatest impact.

Foolishness + small things = the wrong kind of impact.

Wisdom + small things = the right kind of impact.

Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer; hyraxes are creatures of little power, yet they make their home in the crags; locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks; a lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces.

Proverbs 30:24-28 NIV

Doing small things that are also wise things leads to good things.

The Ant:

Wisdom is knowing where you want to be and then doing the small things needed to get there, even though you might not feel like it.

The Hyrax:

Wisdom is understanding that I am vulnerable and then doing the small things that will provide me with strength & protection. (Hebrews 4:15-16; Psalm 18:1-2)

The Locust:

Wisdom is realizing that I can't fulfill my life's purpose in isolation and then doing the small things that will get me in authentic, Christian community.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:35

The Lizard:

Wisdom is believing that even though I'm small, when I do small things that are also wise things it will lead to God-sized things.

(Psalm 78:70-72)

The world's question – What's the next BIG thing?

Jesus's question – What's your next small thing?

Next Steps

- Pray this prayer until you get an answer: *Jesus, what is the next small thing you want me to do or believe?*
 - Write down that small thing:
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- Now begin to do or believe it.

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- Read Proverbs 30:24-28. Which of these animals or insects do you relate to the most? Explain.
- These small creatures seem to have both the wisdom to know the right thing to do and the drive to get it done. Would you say this describes you? Explain.
- Tell about one small thing you've regularly done in the past that has significantly shaped your life today.
- What is one small thing you could begin doing right now that would substantially impact your life 5 years from now?
- Pray for God's help in doing that small thing.