



**June Sermon Series:**

**Wise Up!**

**(Lessons from the Book of Proverbs)**

**Job 12:7-8, But ask the animals,  
and they will teach you, or the  
birds in the sky, and they will tell  
you; or speak to the earth, and it  
will teach you, or let the fish in the  
sea inform you.**

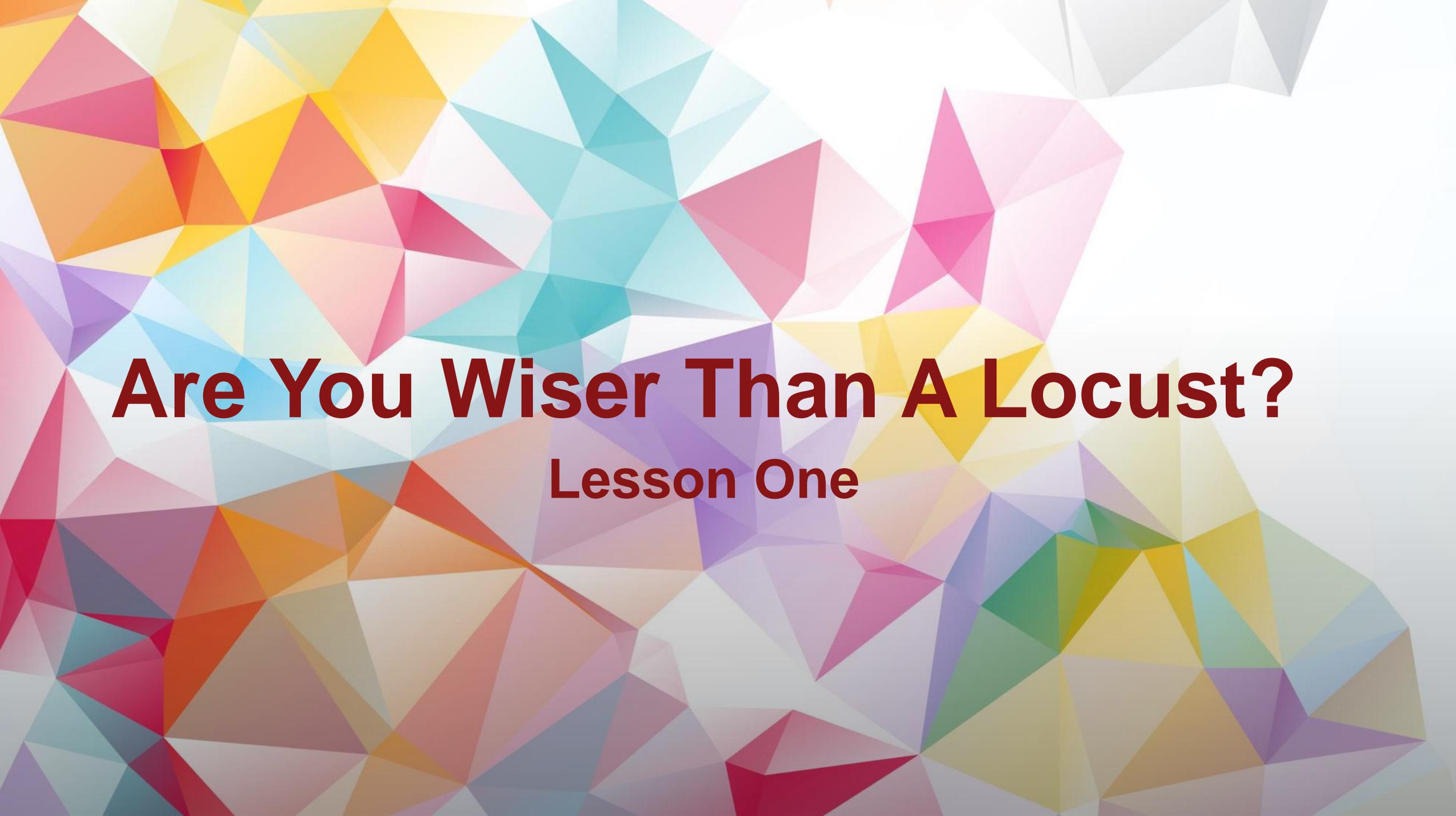
**Matthew 6:26-28, Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.**

## **Proverbs 30, There Are Six Sets Of Four Things:**

- 1. Four Generations That Are Evil (11-14)**
- 2. Four Things That Are Insatiable (15-16)**
- 3. Four Things That Are Inscrutable (18-19)**
- 4. Four Things That Are Intolerable (21-23)**
- 5. Four Things That Are Weak, Yet Wise (24-28)**
- 6. Four Things That Are Very Stately (29-31)**

## Scripture Lesson: Proverbs 30:24-28 (KJV)

There be four *things which are* little upon the earth, but they *are* exceeding wise: The ants *are* a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; The conies *are but* a feeble folk yet make they their houses in the rocks; The locusts have no king yet go they forth all of them by bands; The spider taketh hold with her hands and is in kings' palaces.



# **Are You Wiser Than A Locust?**

## **Lesson One**

**The Locusts Have No King**

**An instinct is something you do not need to learn. It happens naturally, without you even thinking about it.**

**Isaiah 30:21, Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, “This *is* the way, walk in it,” Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.**

**Isaiah 48:17, Thus says the LORD your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you for your benefit, who directs you in the way you should go.**

**God is the Commander and  
Chief of the Locusts.**

**Joel 1:4-7, What the chewing locust left, the gobbling locust ate; What the gobbling locust left, the munching locust ate; What the munching locust left, the chomping locust ate. Sober up, you drunks! Get in touch with reality—and weep! Your supply of booze is cut off. You are on the wagon, like it or not. My country's being invaded by an army invincible, past numbering, Teeth like those of a lion ... fangs like those of a tiger. It has ruined my vineyards, stripped my orchards, and clear-cut the country. The landscape's a moonscape. Here is a question to consider: How on earth are locusts able to congregate together and know where and what to do together?**

## **Key Lesson Phrase:**

**Locusts teach us the spirit of cooperation, that community is better than individuality, and there is power in numbers and unity.**

# **1. Community Is Better Than Individuality.**

**(Joint Effort)**

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.**

# **There are Four Advantages to Community:**

- 1. They Can Share the Rewards of Labor and Prosperity.**
- 2. When One Has Difficulties, The Others Can Help Him.**
- 3. Their Different Abilities Are Synergistic and Result in Greater Productivity.**
- 4. They Can Defend Against Greater Enemies.**

**“Be strong enough to stand alone,  
smart enough to know when you need  
help, and brave enough to ask for it.”**

## **2. Unity Breeds Power And Productivity**

**(The Strength in Numbers)**

**"Synergy" which is best  
expressed in the following  
equation:  $1 + 1 + 1 = 4$ .**

**Ephesians 4:16, which is: "...fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supply, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."**

**Acts 2:42-47, They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.**

**Hebrews 10:24-25, and let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

**Every true Christian is needed  
to help maintain the integrity  
and vitality of the overall body.**

**1 Corinthians 1:10, Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and [that] there be no divisions among you, but [that] you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.**

**If we "pull together" then  
we can change the world!**

**“It is not in numbers, but in  
unity that our greatest  
strength lies.”**

**Psalm 133:1-3, How good and pleasant it is, when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there, the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.**

**“Coming together is a beginning;  
keeping together is progress;  
working together is success.”**

**“If you want to go quickly,  
go alone. If you want to go  
far, go together.”**