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(#202) The Proverbs of Solomon-30:11-14- Generation D(estroyed)

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom ([1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10](#)) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and [Proverbs 30-31](#) were added and preserved by the Holy Spirit. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 30:11-14:

There is a generation that curses its father, and does not bless its mother. 12 There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, yet is not washed from its filthiness. 13 There is a generation-oh, how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up. 14 There is a generation whose teeth are like swords, and whose fangs are like knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.

After Jacob had worked 14 years to “earn” his wife, his father-in-law, Laban, said, “I have learned by experience that the LORD has blessed me for your sake.” ([Genesis 30:27](#))

“Experience” is a great teacher, and often, a hard teacher. It has been truly said, [“Happiness will never come to those who do not appreciate what they already have.”](#) “A generation” without the experiences of life becomes:

- **Verse 11** Loveless;
- **Verse 12** Hypocritical;
- **Verse 13** Arrogant; and
- **Verse 14** Cruel.

They will need few enemies, for it will self-destruct. Children whose world consists of a video screen, whose mind is filled with make-believe, and whose heart seldom connects with real people, have no experiences to help them grow, and become slaves who serve without conscience! It is a lost generation that never sees “the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied” ([Ecclesiastes 3:10](#)).

Verse 11: Those who disrespect the two who gave them life will not appreciate The God, His plan, and the life they have been given:

For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God. ([1 Corinthians 11:12](#))

All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

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Although the prevalence of divorce and single parenthood has shattered the “DNA” of marriage, and taught successive generations this disrespect, those who turn to God’s Way will start a new generation of parental respect. It is when sin abounds that “the love of many will grow cold” ([Matthew 24:12](#)).

Verse 12: It is difficult, almost impossible, for one to see one’s own sins. To such a generation, God send Jeremiah to say:

‘For though you wash yourself with lye, and use much soap, yet your iniquity is marked before Me,’ says the Lord God. How can you say, ‘I am not polluted.’ ([Jeremiah 2:22-23](#))

The Apostle Paul wrote:

For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. ([1 Corinthians 4:4](#))

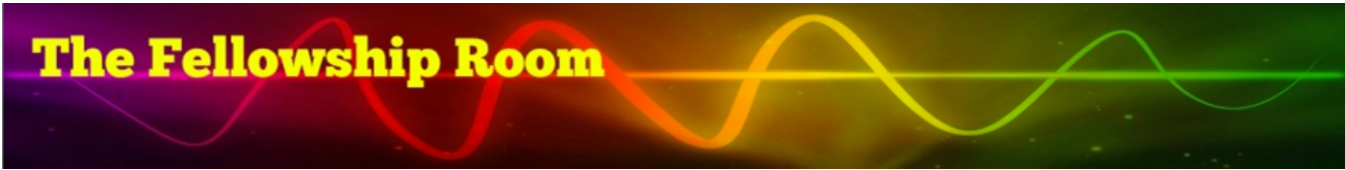
Any generation that is known for major problems with drunkenness, irresponsibility, sexually-transmitted diseases, drug abuses, recklessness, and hatefulness ([Titus 3:3](#)) has its hands full and should not be pointing fingers at the previous generation(s)! Jesus Christ condemned those who “outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness” ([Matthew 23:28](#)).

Verse 13: Jesus Christ described this attitude when He said:

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, and say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.’ Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers’ guilt. Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? ([Matthew 23:29-33](#))

While a generation may protest against their parents sins, it becomes guilty of its own sins, many of which are even worse than before ([1 Kings 16:25](#))!

Verse 14: The cruelty is seen because they don’t care about the “poor” and “needy.” Selfishness is so narrow-minded that it cannot admit, nor allow, others to benefit who have greater needs. Jesus Christ said:



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“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation!”
([Matthew 23:14](#))

A generation may be changed if enough of them “are converted and become as little children...Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” ([Matthew 18:3-4](#)). Obeying the command:
Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” will let a soul “Be saved from this perverse generation.” ([Acts 2:38, 40](#))

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