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*Proverbs – Living Well in a Broken World – Week 1*

## SAGE ADVICE FROM A SEASONED COACH

*Proverbs 30:1-9*

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**Introduction:** This week, we begin a series in the book of Proverbs called *Living Well in a Broken World*. Most of the messages in this series will come from Proverbs 30, but we'll delve into other sections of Proverbs as well. This morning, we begin by exploring the heart of a coach for the growth of his protegee. Agur, the author of chapter 30, functions like a spiritual life or leadership coach, prompting us to live well in a world that is fraught with pain. Living well is the deep cry of the human heart. In the centuries before Christ, Plato and Aristotle wrote extensively about how to live well. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, about the time our country was founded, many moralists wrote eloquently about how someone might live an exceptional life of meaning and purpose. Of course, today, the self-help industry flourishes with authors like Tony Robbins, Robert Kiyosaki and Jack Canfield promising wisdom for living life just a bit better. Seeking the good life is clearly a basic human yearning. But what's the difference between the hype and the real? And how do we live well not just for ourselves but unto our creator and redeemer? In Proverbs 30, Agur the son of Jakeh functions like a spiritual life coach empowering us to live well in the chaos of a fallen world.

### 1. **The Coach & His Student**

*Proverbs 30:1-2*

### 2. **The Coach & His Playbook – five steps**

*Proverbs 30:2-6*

**3. The Coach & His Victory**

*Proverbs 1:7-9*

**4. Idea**

**5. Takeaways**