

Wisdom When Tempted To Be Lazy

Proverbs: Wisdom For Daily Life

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Introduction

Proverbs 6:6-11 - Learn From The Ant

Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! ⁷ It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, ⁸ yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest. ⁹ How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? ¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest— ¹¹ and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.

Proverbs 10:4 - Lazy Hands Verses Diligent Hands

Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth.

Proverbs 14:23 - Hard Work Verses Mere Talk

All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Main Idea: When you are tempted to be lazy, choose to be a diligent worker because diligent work brings a profit but lazy hands lead to poverty.

4 Truths To Help You Become A Diligent Worker

1. Get up and get going instead of lying in bed.

*Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare. **Prov. 20:13***

As a door turns on its hinges, so a sluggard turns on his bed.

Prov. 26:14 (See also Prov. 6:9-11, 10:5)

2. Understand work is about solving problems and bringing value to others.

*I went past the field of a sluggard, past the vineyard of someone who has no sense; ³¹ thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. **Prov. 24:30-31***

3. Stay focused on doing the work instead of mere talk or distractions.

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Prov. 14:23 (See also 12:11)

4. Grow your skills to grow your opportunities, impact and influence.

*Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings... **Prov. 22:29***