

Topics in Proverbs

**I. Skills in Godly Financial Management - Pt 3**

**A. Stewardship**

**B. Giving**

**C. Prosperity**

**D. Surety**

**E. Work**

**F. Laziness**

1. As a reminder - From the Previous lesson

a. Work is any set of tasks to be performed in pursuit of a particular goal.

b. wrong attitude about work - Complaint, burdened, resentful, unappreciative -

i. Leads to laziness

ii. Sees work as a necessary inconvenience on the way to the true goal in life - weekends were made for . . . .

c. Wisdom - Consider the Ant - Pr 6:6-8

i. The highest form of material life learning from one of the smallest

ii. Consideration brings wisdom,

iii. Doesn't need oversight

iv. pursuit of a particular goal - gathers her food in the harvest

v. Does the set of tasks to reach the goal - Provides her supplies in the summer

2. Laziness could be one of the most underrated sins

a. Anesthetizes it's victim into a lifeless stupor that ends in Hunger, Bondage, and Death.

b. Symptoms?

i. Drowsiness - Pr 6:9-11; 10:5; 19:15; 20:13; 24:32-34; 26:14

ii. Unreliability - 10:26

iii. Unrealistic fantasies - 12:24,27; 13:4; 15:19; 19:24; 24:30-31; 26:15

iv. Excuses - 20:4;22:13; 26:13,16

v. Pride - 18:9; 21:25

3. The Sluggard

a. Consider the Sluggard - Pr 6:9-11

i. His Nature

- chosen rebellion to God's call to work diligently

- defined by sleep, slumber, rest - 6:10-11

- habitual problem

ii. His chosen consequences

- Poverty - used 14 time connecting idleness to poverty - 6:11; 20:13

- Hunger - 19:15; 20:4

iii. NT teaching on laziness - 2 Th 3:10-12

b. Consider yourself: the Lure of Laziness

i. Pro 6:6-11 is a challenge to the individual to measure oneself

ii. Traits of the sluggard - 26:13-16

- Makes Excuses - 13

-will say outrageous and ridiculous things to avoid work

-will lie and misrepresent reality to avoid work

-will admit that he needs to work, but will suppress his conscience and rationalize it away

- the exception excuse - I'm entitled b/c I

-don't get paid enough

-don't get enough vacation time

-deserve a promotion

- the lowest common denominator excuse - no one else is working hard, so why should I

- takes no initiative - 14

- moves in a limited range - back and forth - door on hinges

- unproductive, getting by on the bare minimum

- does not finish his work - 15

- lead away from the task at hand by sinful distractions

- procrastination delays difficult or unpleasant tasks

- has a problem with pride - 16

- considers himself to be smarter than others

- is the "know it all"

- rejects the counsel of others

iii. How he is perceived by others - 10:5,26; 18:9