



March 28, 2021

Proverbs 6:6-11 (ESV)

⁶Go to the ant, O sluggard;
consider her ways, and be wise.
⁷Without having any chief,
officer, or ruler,
⁸she prepares her bread in summer
and gathers her food in harvest.
⁹How long will you lie there, O sluggard?
When will you arise from your sleep?
¹⁰A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest,
¹¹and poverty will come upon you like a robber,
and want like an armed man.

Proverbs 12:27

Whoever is slothful will not roast his game,
but the diligent man will get precious wealth

Proverbs 14:23

In all toil there is profit,
but mere talk tends only to poverty.

Proverbs 19:24

The sluggard buries his hand in the dish
and will not even bring it back to his mouth.

Proverbs 24:30-34

³⁰I passed by the field of a sluggard,
by the vineyard of a man lacking sense,
³¹and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns;
the ground was covered with nettles,
and its stone wall was broken down.
³²Then I saw and considered it;
I looked and received instruction.
³³A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest,
³⁴and poverty will come upon you like a robber,
and want like an armed man.

Proverbs 26:13-16

¹³The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road!
There is a lion in the streets!"
¹⁴As a door turns on its hinges,
so does a sluggard on his bed.
¹⁵The sluggard buries his hand in the dish;
it wears him out to bring it back to his mouth.
¹⁶The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes
than seven men who can answer sensibly.

Colossians 3:23-24

²³Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not
for men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive
the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord
Christ.

INTRODUCTION:

1. That's not a sloth

- a) Stillness is not slothfulness
- b) Sabbath is not slothfulness
- c) Recreation is not slothfulness
- d) Retirement from a job is not slothfulness
- e) Inability to work is not slothfulness

2. There's the sloth

- a) Sloths don't take responsibility

Proverbs 24:30–34

Am I facing problems because I have neglected important responsibilities in my life?

Proverbs 26:16

- b) Sloths fail to start what needs to be done

Proverbs 6:9–11

Do other people get frustrated because I don't prioritize my life enough to start doing what I should be doing?

Proverbs 6:6–8

- c) Sloths fail to finish what they start

Proverbs 19:24

Proverbs 12:27

Is my reputation that of a person who can't be counted on to finish a task?

- d) Sloths make lame excuses

Proverbs 26:13

Do I make a lot of excuses in my life?

- e) Sloths procrastinate

Proverbs 14:23

Is procrastination a mark of my life?

- f) Sloths relax too much

Proverbs 26:14

When people are asking for help, do I try to keep a low profile to avoid being asked?

Would I be embarrassed (or fired!) if my employer knew how much work time I spend doing non-work things like scrolling social media, chatting with friends, or just wasting time?

3. How to kick the sloth out of your life

- a) Identify where there is a sloth in your life

- b) Repent of your slothfulness

- c) Let Christ's work for you kick the sloth out of your life

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found

Colossians 3:23–24