

Probing the Proverbs
Laziness or "The Sluggard"

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1. Society has provided many opportunities for us to be _____.
2. Lazy hands make a man _____, but diligent hands bring _____. Prov. 10:4
3. Most verses in Proverbs mock _____ and speak of excessive _____ and inactivity, ridiculous _____, irresponsibility and _____, self-delusion or _____, and severe _____.
4. The Book of Proverbs calls laziness a deep deficiency or lack of _____. (Hicks)

Key characteristics of the "sluggard" or "lazy person" show up in several different ways:

I. A lack of _____ or _____. (Proverbs 6:6-8, 9-11; 18:9; 19:24; 31:21)

II. A lack of _____. Proverbs 19:15; 20:13; 31:13-27) "Failing to plan is planning to fail."

III. A lack of _____. (Ecclesiastes 5:5)

IV. A lack of _____. (Proverb 20:24; 21:25; II Thess. 3:6-15; Proverb 21:25a; 12:11,24; 31:27)

Entitlement replaces _____. Ease replaces _____. Excuses replace _____. (Branson)

V. A lack of _____. (Proverb 19:24) "You must do for others what they _____ do for themselves, but you must never do for others what they _____ do for themselves." Pastoral Counseling Class

VI. A lack of _____ or _____. (Proverb 22:13; 26:13,14)

The sluggard says, "there is a _____ in the road; a fierce _____ roaming the streets." Proverb 26:13

VII. A lack of _____. (II Corinthians 4:8-9; 11:23-28; Proverb 15:19)

Laziness isn't just _____; it's binging on _____ and _____ focusing on things of little or no _____. (Branson)

VIII. A lack of _____ or _____ - _____. (Proverb 10:26; 21:5; 26:15)

"The sluggard is _____ in his own eyes than seven men who answer discreetly." Proverb 26:15