

Probing the Proverbs

Review on Laziness/The Sluggard

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1. The Book of Proverbs calls laziness a deep deficiency or lack of _____. (Hicks)
2. A lazy person is not a self-_____ and basically lacks _____.
3. Unlike the ant, the sluggard demonstrates a lack of _____.
4. Irresponsible, undependable people are not only a _____ at their workplace; they may also _____ the batteries of their friends and put a _____ on their families. They simply lack _____.
5. The lazy seek to avoid the difficult or the challenging and lack _____.
6. Sluggards take the path of least _____, only doing the things they _____ to do and NOT the things they _____ to do.
7. II Thessalonians Chapter 3 verses 6-15 warns against _____ saying, “if a man will not _____, he shall not _____”.
8. Entitlement replaces _____; ease replaces _____; excuses replace _____.
9. _____ is the voluntary, unnecessary delay of a task and is primarily a _____ mechanism to avoid the negative emotions a task triggers, prioritizing _____-term mood over _____-term goals.
10. “The sluggard buries his hand in the dish and will not even bring it back to his mouth”. Proverb 19:14
This demonstrates a lack of _____.
11. The sluggard says, “there is a lion outside” or “I will be murdered in the streets”. (Proverb 22:13) They have irrational fear and lack _____ or _____.
12. Laziness isn’t just procrastination; it’s binging on _____ and _____ and focusing on things of little or no _____. Thus, sluggards exhibit a lack of _____.
13. Another characteristic of the sluggard is a lack of _____ or self-_____.
Proverb 26:15 records, the sluggard is “wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer discreetly.”
14. What **projects** around your house have you started but not finished? _____
15. What is something you really **desire** to do, but are procrastinating about because you lack the courage to begin? _____