

iChoose (Proverbs) *The Lazy*

Series theme: Your choices today will define your life tomorrow.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Galatians 6:7

Today's message: To enjoy a "Yes" life, you must refuse the way of laziness.

⁶ 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 bandit and scarcity like an armed man. **Proverbs 6:6-11**

Signs of Sloth:

1. The lazy person won't get things begun and won't get things done.

How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? Prov. 6:9

The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth. Prov. 26:15

2. The lazy person loves sleep and wastes opportunity.

As a door turns on its hinges, so a sluggard turns on his bed. Prov. 26:14

A sluggard does not plow in season; so at harvest time he looks but finds nothing. Prov. 20:4

3. The lazy person chooses excuses and the easy way out.

The sluggard says, "There is a lion outside!" or, "I will be murdered in the streets!" Prov. 22:13

The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing. [KJV] Prov. 20:4

4. The lazy person is a "know-it-all" who comes to nothing.

The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer discreetly. Prov. 26:16

The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied. Prov. 13:4

³⁰ I went past the field of the sluggard, past the vineyard of the man who lacks judgment; ³¹ thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. ³² I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw: ³³ A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest-- ³⁴ and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man. **Proverbs 24:30-34**

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