

Life Steps

Day 1

Proverbs 6

Reread verses 6-10. How does the lowly ant exhibit wisdom in contrast to the sluggard? Where do you need to be planting or harvesting this week? Are you allowing sleep or laziness to result in a spiritual poverty?

Day 2

Proverbs 19

Another word for “shiftless” in verse 15 is “idle.” Contrast the proactive nature of wisdom in this chapter verses the lazy, the idle and the sluggard.

Day 3

Proverbs 20

Notice that the sluggard does not do the important tasks in season and pays for it at harvest time. What seeds must be planted now in your life to avoid the poverty of laziness (verses 4, 13)?

Day 4

Proverbs 21

In Proverbs the solution to the lazy sluggard is diligence. One definition of diligence is “rising early to the task.” How does this passage contrast the two? What tasks can you rise early to today?

Day 5

Proverbs 22

Prudence is the application of wisdom (verse 3). What are the proactive, prudent steps you can take from this proverb so you don't make irrational excuses like the sluggard does in verse 13?

Day 6

Proverbs 24

How is the house of the sluggard described? In what areas of your life have thorns and weeds crept in? Is there a friend, neighbor or family member who needs your help (verses 11-12)?

Day 7

Proverbs 26

In this proverb the sluggard “turns on his bed” while the world passes by. Where are you “returning to your vomit” like the fool? What action steps from this past week need to become habits?