

Proverbs (lesson 5) – “The perils of laziness”

-The words " slothful" or " sluggard" are used in the book of Proverbs about 17 times.

-These words are Synonyms.

-Today, we just use the word "lazy".

-You may recognize the animals that are nicknamed after these words (the sloth, and the slug).

-Why is the subject of laziness something that should be addressed to Christians? Is this just “practical wisdom” for all people, or is this godly wisdom” (Certainly not all unbelievers are lazy!)

-It is a very important subject for Christians to consider because

1. Laziness is a bad testimony for a believer.
2. Laziness is bad stewardship of what God has given for His work.
3. Laziness renders us useless for God’s work.

I. A lazy man is shameful and unreliable.

(Poor testimony of a believer)

A. Shameful

1. 19:24.
2. 26:15.

3. 22:13 .

4. 26:13 .

5. 26:14 .

6. 26:16 .

B. Unreliable

1. 10:26 .

II. A lazy man is wasteful and unproductive (**Poor steward of God's gifts**)

A. Wasteful

1. 12:27 .

B. Unproductive

1. 15:19 .

2. 13:4 .

3. 20:4 .

III. A lazy man is oppressed and destroyed (**Rendered useless for God's work**)

A. Oppressed

1. 12:24 .

B. Destroyed

1. 21:25 .

2. 24:30-34 .

3. 6:6-11 .