



## THE DANGER OF LAZINESS

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Major Idea of the Text	The Text	Food for Thought
Comparing and contrasting the results of the negligent and the diligent	Poor is he who works with a negligent hand <b><i>But the diligent makes rich</i></b> - Proverbs 10:4	A negligent person should not expect to obtain what he is not willing to work for
Comparing and contrasting the results of the diligent and the slacker	The hand of the diligent will rule <b><i>But the slack hand will be put to forced labor</i></b> - Proverbs 12:24	A slacker should not expect to be in a position of leadership wherever he works because he is lazy
Exposing the difference in value between a lazy man and a diligent man	A lazy man does not roast his prey <b><i>But the precious possession of a man is diligence</i></b> - Proverbs 12:27	Laziness will keep you from getting the most out of what you have
Comparing and contrasting the results of the soul of the negligent and the soul of the diligent	The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing <b><i>But the soul of the diligent is made fat</i></b> - Proverbs 13:4	A sluggard should not expect to obtain what he is not willing to work for
Comparing and contrasting the results of labor and mere talk	In all labor there is profit <b><i>But mere talk leads only to poverty</i></b> - Proverbs 14:23	Nothing gets accomplished by just talking about it, it takes labor to get things done
Comparing and contrasting the way of the lazy with the path of the upright	The way of the lazy is as a hedge of thorns <b><i>But the path of the upright is highway</i></b> - Proverbs 15:19	Sometime things are difficult in our lives because we are lazy and we are experiencing the consequences of our laziness
Explains why a worker's appetite works for him	A worker's appetite works for him <b><i>For his hunger urges him on</i></b> - Proverbs 16:26	Those who work hard are motivated by their desire
Compares the results of laziness and an idle man	Laziness cast into a deep sleep <b><i>And an idle man will suffer hunger</i></b> - Proverbs 19:15	Laziness and idleness will leave you empty in all aspects of life
Explains why the desire of sluggard will put him to death	The desire of the sluggard puts him to death <b><i>For his hands refuse to work</i></b> - Proverbs 21:25	To want something and not be willing to work for it will lead to danger
Compares a door turning to a sluggard in the bed	As the door turns on its hinges <b><i>So does the sluggard on his bed</i></b> - Proverbs 26:14	A door is anchored to the hinges and turns like a lazy man is anchored to a bed and turns; neither one is going to separate from their anchor

## Some Practical Steps to Address Laziness

1. Identify and acknowledge areas in your life where you are lazy.
2. Determine the reason why you are lazy (i.e. not interested in doing what you need to do, comfortable doing what you are already doing, afraid to do what you need to do, don't know how to do what you need to do and unwilling to ask for help, not wanting someone else to gain from your labor, expecting or wanting someone else to do the work for you).
3. Ask God to forgive you for your laziness.
4. Accept the fact that you were not created to live for yourself, but to live for the glory of God.
5. Study the Word of God and embrace the relationship that has been established between you and God and the implications of that relationship for all aspects of your life.
6. Identify your roles in life, your responsibilities in those roles, and areas where your laziness has hindered your obedience to God.
7. Make a resolve and set a plan with wise counsel on how you will move ahead to do what you need to do.
8. Accept and embrace the reality that laziness is not an issue of ability but an issue of agendas of the heart.
9. Accept and embrace the reality that it will be painful to resist yourself and to move forward to overcome your laziness.
10. Do what you need to do by faith and not according to your mood of the moment.