

# Proverbs - Be a Wise Guy for God

## Hard Work vs. Laziness

### Week 6

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

#### Welcome

Opening Prayer

Class Topics

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#### Win Friends and Influence People - Review

Some people try to make friends with money, gifts, bribes and flattery  
Such friends are unreliable and leave when riches dry up  
True friend from God sticks closer than a brother

Friends to avoid are talkers, tempers, stingy, fools, drunkards, gluttons  
Poor friends: pride, temper, gossip, violent, selfish, unfaithful, unsympathetic, deceitful, quarrelsome

Good friends are trustworthy, encouraging, forgiving, loving, cheerful, patient, peaceful, gracious,  
counseling, helpful in trouble

Friendship requires maintenance; Good friends correct each other

A good reputation is valuable and comes from love and faithfulness  
Enemies can become friends when we are right with God

#### The Sluggard

What is the cause and the effect of the life of the sluggard?

Proverbs 24:30-34

What is a big part of the sluggard's problem?

Proverbs 6:9

Proverbs 19:15

Proverbs 26:14

What are some other problems of the sluggard?

Proverbs 22:13

Proverbs 26:15

Proverbs 26:12, 16

Why is the sluggard's way of life so frustrating?

Proverbs 20:4

Proverbs 21:25-26

Proverbs 15:19

How damaging is the sluggard's way of life?

Proverbs 18:9

How does the sluggard affect his employer?

Proverbs 10:26

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### The Sluggard and Others

What simple and common example should the sluggard look to?

Proverbs 6:6-9

Other than laziness, what else leads to poverty?

Proverbs 20:17 (21:16)

Proverbs 21:17

Proverbs 21:20

Proverbs 23:21

Proverbs 28:20, 22

Proverbs 13:11 (20:21)

### The Diligent Worker

Compare the sluggard with the diligent worker

Proverbs 10:4

Proverbs 10:5

Proverbs 12:24

Proverbs 12:27

Proverbs 13:4

Proverbs 14:23

Proverbs 20:13

Proverbs 21:5

Proverbs 22:29

Proverbs 28:19

What is one motivator for the diligent worker?

Proverbs 16:26

What does Solomon say about overworking?

Proverbs 23:4-5

### Keeping Priorities Straight

What comparisons are given to help us with our priorities?

Proverbs 15:16

Proverbs 15:17

Proverbs 16:8

Proverbs 17:1

Proverbs 28:6

Proverbs 12:9

What is the danger in pretending to be something you are not?

Proverbs 13:7 (14:8)

How might poverty be a blessing in disguise?

Proverbs 13:8

Why shouldn't the pursuit of wealth be our top priority?

Proverbs 11:4

Proverbs 11:28

What prayer should we keep in mind as we set our priorities?

Proverbs 30:7-9

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### Prosperity

Where does prosperity come from?

Proverbs 10:22

How is wisdom related to prosperity?

Proverbs 8:12, 18-21

What does Solomon say about saving money?

Proverbs 13:11

What does Solomon say about borrowing money?

Proverbs 22:7

Proverbs 22:26-27

Proverbs 6:1-5

### The Poor

How are we to deal with the poor and needy?

Proverbs 14:31

Proverbs 29:7

Proverbs 31:8-9

How will God treat us if we give to the poor?

Proverbs 11:24-25

Proverbs 19:17

Proverbs 22:9

How will God treat us if we ignore the poor?

Proverbs 21:13

Proverbs 28:27

How are the rich and poor similar?

Proverbs 22:2

### Modern Parable Match-up

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|---|--------------------|
| a. Easy come, easy go.  | 1. Proverbs 10:15  |
| b. Ask a silly question, get a silly answer.                                | 2. Proverbs 20:13  |
| c. Haste makes waste.   | 3. Proverbs 19:2   |
| d. Two heads are better than one.   | 4. Proverbs 13:11  |
| e. Sticks and stones may break my bones,<br>but words can never hurt me.    | 5. Proverbs 26:4-5 |
| f. Early to bed and early to rise<br>makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise. | 6. Proverbs 27:17  |
| g. Money talks.   | 7. Proverbs 27:10  |
| h. A friend in need is a friend indeed.                                     | 8. Proverbs 26:2   |

### Proverbial Quiz (page 4)

### Closing Prayer

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### Proverbial Quiz

#### 1. Match the two Bible Proverb halves in each grouping:

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| 1. As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, | a. consider its ways and be wise! (6:6)                         |
| 2. Lazy hands make a man poor, but                | b. so is a sluggard to those who send him. (10:26)              |
| 3. Go to the ant, you sluggard;                   | c. diligent hands bring wealth. (10:4)                          |
| 4. Hard work brings a profit, but                 | d. mere talk leads only to poverty. (14:23)                     |
| 5. For lack of guidance a nation falls, but       | e. fix your gaze directly before you. (4:25)                    |
| 6. Plans fail for lack of counsel, but            | f. many advisers make victory sure. (11:14)                     |
| 7. Let your eyes look straight ahead,             | g. with many advisers they succeed. (15:22)                     |
| 8. Do not wear yourself out to get rich;          | h. the righteous will thrive like a green leaf. (11:28)         |
| 9. Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but    | i. another pretends to be poor, yet has great wealth. (13:7)    |
| 10. One man pretends to be rich, yet has nothing; | j. he who gathers money little by little makes it grow. (13:11) |
| 11. Dishonest money dwindles away, but            | k. have the wisdom to show restraint. (23:4)                    |

#### 2. Fill in the blanks of these English proverbs:

A rolling stone gathers \_\_\_\_\_  
A stitch in time \_\_\_\_\_  
A watched pot \_\_\_\_\_  
A woman's work is \_\_\_\_\_  
Actions speak louder \_\_\_\_\_

All work and no play makes \_\_\_\_\_  
Beggars can't be \_\_\_\_\_  
Don't change horses in \_\_\_\_\_  
Don't count your chickens \_\_\_\_\_  
Don't put the cart before \_\_\_\_\_

Early to bed and early to rise  
makes \_\_\_\_\_  
Enough is \_\_\_\_\_  
Every man has \_\_\_\_\_  
Failing to plan is \_\_\_\_\_

First things \_\_\_\_\_  
Hard work never did anyone any \_\_\_\_\_  
Haste makes \_\_\_\_\_  
If a job is worth doing it is worth \_\_\_\_\_  
If at first you don't succeed \_\_\_\_\_  
If you can't stand the heat \_\_\_\_\_

Money doesn't \_\_\_\_\_  
Money makes the world \_\_\_\_\_  
Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_  
Never put off until tomorrow what \_\_\_\_\_  
Nothing is certain but \_\_\_\_\_

Power corrupts; absolute power \_\_\_\_\_  
Practice makes \_\_\_\_\_  
Put your best foot \_\_\_\_\_  
Rome wasn't built \_\_\_\_\_  
Speak softly and carry \_\_\_\_\_

Strike while the \_\_\_\_\_ is hot  
The early bird \_\_\_\_\_  
The ends justify \_\_\_\_\_  
The squeaky wheel \_\_\_\_\_  
There's more than one way to \_\_\_\_\_ a cat

There's no smoke without \_\_\_\_\_  
There's no such thing as a \_\_\_\_\_ lunch  
There's no such thing as \_\_\_\_\_ publicity  
To the victor go \_\_\_\_\_  
Too many cooks spoil \_\_\_\_\_  
Where there's a will \_\_\_\_\_