

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

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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,
but words can never hurt me. | 5. Proverbs 26:4-5 |
| f. Early to bed and early to rise
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)

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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 _____