



DEFEATING LAZINESS

Various Scripture // Dr. Ron Jones

“A person is being lazy if he is able to carry out some activity that he ought to carry out, but is disinclined to do so because of the effort involved.” DR. NEAL BURTON, THE PSYCHOLOGY OF LAZINESS

I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, ³¹ and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. ³² Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. ³³ A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, ³⁴ and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man. PROVERBS 24:30-34 ESV

The sluggard does not plow in the autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing. PROVERBS 20:4 ESV

Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep, and an idle person will suffer hunger. PROVERBS 19:15 ESV

_____ was the original term used by Pope Gregory when he compiled his list of the seven deadly sins in the sixth century.

Your _____ matters to God.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. GENESIS 2:15; EXODUS 20:11; JOHN 5:17

Ways to Defeat Laziness

1. Practice _____.

The hand of the diligent will rule, while the sloth will be put to forced labor.

PROVERBS 12:24, 13:4, 21:5

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. COLOSSIANS 3:23-24 ESV

2. Consider the _____ of laziness.

- _____ PROVERBS 10:4, 14:23
- _____ PROVERBS 10:5
- _____ PROVERBS 12:11, 19:15
- _____ PROVERBS 13:4, 20:4
- _____ PROVERBS 12:24

3. Imitate _____ people.

Go to the ant you sluggard ... PROVERBS 6:6-11 ESV

... For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-10 ESV