

# LAZINESS

## Christian Character in Action: Lesson 30

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### The Bible has a lot to say about laziness:

**Proverbs 19:15** Lazy people are going to be hungry.

**Proverbs 12:24** Laziness is contrasted with diligence. The diligent rule. The lazy will be under the dominion of a governor.

**Proverbs 18:9** The slothful man and the wasteful man are brothers.

**Proverbs 21:25** The lazy person will covet what other people have but won't labor for it.

**Proverbs 22:13** Lazy people have a lot of wild excuses for not being able to work.

**Proverbs 26:14** If a lazy person moves at all, they still aren't going anywhere.

**GOD IS NOT LAZY:** If you are going to follow the Lord, you can't be lazy.

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**Eccl 10:18** If you have a house, it is going to require constant maintenance. If you're lazy, your house will fall apart.

- This principle applies also to your spiritual life, your family, your career, and your ministry.
  - Evolution is the Devil's lie. Things don't improve over time, they decay.
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**Prov 24:30-34** The field of the slothful will cause people to wonder what happened to your property. All it takes is **"a little sleep"** and **"a little slumber"** and **"a little folding of the hands to sleep"** and you'll soon find yourself in poverty.

- Just as a little exercise will *eventually* improve your strength a lot, a **"little"** slothfulness will eventually result in a **"lot"** of loss.
  - If you *reduce* your diligence to serve God just a little bit, it will eventually result in your standards of service decreasing to spiritual poverty levels.
  - Raising children requires continual daily care if you want them to turn out to be proper adults. If you slack off a little, it will cause bigger problems later.
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**Romans 12:9-13** Christians are commanded not to be slothful in business.

- That includes God's business. You can't be a pastor, evangelist, or missionary if you are lazy.
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**Hebrews 6:11-12** Diligence is needed in the service of God. Don't wait until you see others make a move. You make a move to serve, and if anyone wants to follow you, they'll have to keep up.

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**Judges 18:9** The children of Israel never took possession of the entire Promised Land because they were slothful.

- Why are you still allowing sin to remain in your life? Are you too lazy? It's time to fight that thing and be done with it.
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**Ezekiel 16:48-49** Before the people of Sodom became involved in perverse sexual sins, there was something else that led to it: pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness.

- A nation with plenty of food and too much free time will soon become corrupt and depraved.
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**Prov 31:10, 27** The virtuous woman is not lazy. She's busy from sunrise to sunset.

**1 Tim 5:11-13** The idle woman (someone who is not doing anything productive) will wander about telling tales, tattling, being a busybody, and speaking things they ought not.

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If you're not doing something for the Lord because you don't think you're able, just start to do a little, and then work up to more and more until it becomes easier.

**The sleep of a labouring man is sweet** (Eccl 5:12).