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Reaching the World Through the Gospel of Jesus Christ

The Slothful Man

“The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labor.” Proverbs 21:25

The Bible has much to say about people who are, simply put, lazy. In God’s Word, they are often called “sluggards” or “slothful.” Many people are lazy due to lack of training when they were children. Giving a child the easy road will only make them lazy, slothful, and irresponsible. Responsibility is not something that is given, but it is something that is learned. Responsibility to God, parents, and others must be taught early, and often.

Irresponsible children too often grow up to be irresponsible adults. People need to be accountable for their actions. God gives us guidelines in His Word to help us be all we can possibly be. Society unfortunately has moved its boundaries and lowered its standards to a place where few are accountable to anyone. Let’s look at some Scriptures that reveal God’s position on laziness.

Proverbs 6:6 – “Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider her ways and be wise.”

Proverbs 12:24 – “The hand of the diligent shall rule; but the slothful shall be under tribute.”

Proverbs 12:27 – “The slothful man does not catch his game or roast it once he kills it, but the diligent man gets precious possessions.”

Proverbs 15:9 – “The way of the sluggard is overgrown with thorns (it pricks, lacerates, and entangles him), but the way of the righteous is plain and raised like a highway.”

Proverbs 18:9 – “He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.”

We are then reminded that Paul gave strong advice in II Thessalonians 3:10 when he said, “For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.” God dislikes laziness, sluggards and the slothful. We are all accountable to God for all we do and say. We must walk in integrity at all times. It is not too late to start doing things God’s way. We must give others, our employers, and God 100% effort if we expect to receive 100% reward.

If you are a parent, please don’t give your child the easy road. Teach your child integrity, and give them work to do so they will build up their work ethics. They will not be responsible unless someone gives them things to do that build character. If you are an adult and see the need to be more responsible, then follow God’s Word and His Holy Spirit. We are never too old that we cannot do better for the Lord.

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