

PROVERBS on YOU and YOUR WORK

Prov. 6:6-11 Go to the ant, O sluggard, Observe her ways and be wise, which, having no chief, officer or ruler, prepares her food in the summer, and gathers her provision in the harvest. How long will you lie down, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? “A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest”— and your poverty will come in like a vagabond, and your need like an armed man.

Prov. 10:2-5 Ill-gotten gains do not profit, But righteousness delivers from death. The Lord will not allow the righteous to hunger, but He will thrust aside the craving of the wicked. Poor is he who works with a negligent hand, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully.

Prov. 10:26 Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is the lazy one to those who send him.

Prov. 12:11 He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, but he who pursues vain things lacks sense.

Prov. 12:24 The hand of the diligent will rule, but the slack hand will be put to forced labor.

Prov. 12:27 A slothful man does not roast his prey, but the precious possession of a man is diligence.

Prov. 13:4 The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the soul of the diligent is made fat.

Prov. 14:1 The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish tears it down with her own hands.

Prov. 14:4 Where no oxen are, the manger is clean, but much increase comes by the strength of the ox.

Prov. 14:14 The backslider in heart will have his fill of his own ways, but a good man will be satisfied with his.

Prov. 14:23 In all labor there is profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Prov. 15:19 The way of the sluggard is as a hedge of thorns, But the path of the upright is a highway.

Prov. 16:26 A worker's appetite works for him, for his hunger urges him on.

Prov. 19:15 Laziness casts into a deep sleep, and an idle man will suffer hunger.

Prov. 19:24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish, a will not even bring it back to his mouth.

Prov. 20:4 The sluggard does not plow after the autumn, so he begs during the harvest and has nothing.

Prov. 20:13 Do not love sleep, lest you become poor; Open your eyes, and you will be satisfied with food.

Prov. 20:14 “Bad, bad,” says the buyer; but when he goes his way, then he boasts.

Prov. 21:17 He who loves pleasure will become a poor man; he who loves wine and oil will not become rich.

Prov. 21:25, 26 The desire of the sluggard puts him to death, for his hands refuse to work; All day long he is craving, while the righteous gives and does not hold back.

Prov. 22:13 The sluggard says, “There is a lion outside; I shall be slain in the streets!”

Prov. 22:29 Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before obscure men.

Prov. 24:10 If you are slack in the day of distress, your strength is limited.

Prov. 24:27 Prepare your work outside, and make it ready for yourself in the field; Afterwards, then, build your house.

Prov. 24:30-34 I passed by the field of the sluggard, and by the vineyard of the man lacking sense; and behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles. Its surface was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. When I saw, I reflected upon it; I looked, and received instruction. “A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest,” Then your poverty will come as a robber, and your want like an armed man.

Prov. 26:13-16 The sluggard says, “There is a lion in the road! A lion is in the open square!” As the door turns on its hinges, so does the sluggard on his bed. The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; He is weary of bringing it to his mouth again. The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can give a discreet answer.

Prov. 27:18 He who tends the fig tree will eat its fruit; and he who cares for his master will be honored.

Prov. 27:23, 24 Know well the condition of your flocks, and pay attention to your herds; for riches are not forever, nor does a crown endure to all generations.

Prov. 28:19 He who tills his land will have plenty of food, but he who follows empty pursuits will have poverty in plenty.

Prov. 30:24-28 Four things are small on the earth, but they are exceedingly wise: The ants are not a strong folk, but they prepare their food in the summer; The badgers are not mighty folk, yet they make their houses in the rocks; The locusts have no king, yet all of them go out in ranks; The lizard you may grasp with the hands, yet it is in kings' palaces.