

Those Ugly Habits (4) – Laziness

1. We're Here To Work!

Genesis 1:27-28 : *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."*

Genesis 2:15 : *And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.*

Exodus 20:8-11 : *Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour, and do all your work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger that is within your gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

1 Corinthians 4:7 : *For who makes you to differ from another? and what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did receive it, why do you boast, as if you had not received it?*

Matthew 25:14-30 : *"For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods..."*

2. We're Saved To Serve

Ephesians 2:10 : *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has pre-ordained that we should walk in them.*

Titus 3:1 : *Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work...*

John 15:16 : *"You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain..."*

1 Corinthians 15:58 : *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as you know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

Romans 12:11 : *... Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord ...*

Hebrews 2:5-9 : *... But one in a certain place testified, saying, "What is man, that you are mindful of him? or the son of man, that you visit him?" ... But we see Jesus ...*

3. Laziness According to Scripture

The path to barrenness and trouble; a relative and breeder of many other sins:

Proverbs 12:24 : *The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.*

Proverbs 15:19 : *The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.*

Proverbs 19:15 : *Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.*

Proverbs 21:25-26 : *The desire of the slothful kills him; for his hands refuse to labour. He covets greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spares not.*

Proverbs 12:27 : *The slothful man roasts not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.*

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

Proverbs 19:24 : *A slothful man hides his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his*

mouth again.

Proverbs 26:13 : The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets. 14 As the door turns upon his hinges, so does the slothful upon his bed. 15 The slothful hides his hand in his bosom; it grieves him to bring it again to his mouth. 16 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

Proverbs 10:26 : As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him.

Ecclesiastes 10:18 : By much slothfulness the building decays; and through idleness of the hands the house drops through.

Proverbs 13:4 : The soul of the sluggard desires, and has nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

Proverbs 20:4 : The sluggard will not plough by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

Proverbs 26:16 : The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.

Timothy 5:13 : And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

A serious sin:

2 Thessalonians 3:10 : For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. ...

A sin requiring constant watchfulness:

Proverbs 24:30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; 31 And there it was, all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered its face, and its stone wall was broken down. 32 When I saw it, I considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction. 33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: 34 So shall your poverty come as one that travels; and your lack as an armed man.

Proverbs 6:6-11 : Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no captain, overseer, or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest. How long will you sleep, O sluggard? When will you arise out of your sleep? 10 Yet a little sleep...

Of course, laziness does not just mean excessive sleep!

4. More help to overcome laziness

Name it! Confess it! *“And the blood of Jesus Christ [God's] Son cleanses us from all sin.”* - 1 John 1:7

Acts 17:28 : For in him we live, and move, and have our being

Romans 14:10-12 : for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ ... every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

1 Corinthians 15:58 : Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as you know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Hebrews 6:10 : For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which you have shown to his name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

1 Corinthians 10:31 : Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God.