



Beware of Sluggards

📖 Proverbs 13:4

- We don't take the sin of laziness as seriously as others.
- Entropy: Everything has a tendency to deteriorate.

Be Aware of Entropy

■ When we become apathetic or complacent our lives begin to spiral downwards.

📖 Proverbs 27:23-24

■ Signs of entropy.

- ➔ A tendency towards superficiality.
- ➔ Unresolved tension in key relationships.
- ➔ No time for celebration.
- ➔ A loss of gratitude.

Be Aware of Opportunity.

■ We need to capitalize on opportunities God gives us.

📖 Proverbs 24:30-32 The sluggard doesn't take care of his vineyard.

■ The vineyard represents your life.

Be Aware of Responsibility.

■ The sluggard is a fantasy chaser.

➔ A sluggard has excellent reasons why they cannot change.

■ Embrace the value of hard work.

📖 Proverbs 12:11

Be Aware of Excuses.

■ We must reject passivity.

📖 Proverbs 6:9-11; Proverbs 26:13; Proverbs 26:14

■ We must embrace initiative.

📖 Philippians 4:13

Be Aware of Selective Entropy.

■ Don't be fooled by activity.

📖 Proverbs 26:16

- ➔ It's hard for us to admit that laziness is our issue because we are so busy.

■ Learn from the ant.

➔ 📖 Proverbs 6:6-8

The ant doesn't require external motivation.

- ➔ The ant also recognizes the season of opportunity to get things done.

📖 Colossians 3:23

My Next Right Step

- I am naming Christ as my Savior.
- I will inspect my vineyard for signs of entropy.
- I will confess passivity & embrace responsibility.
- I will memorize **Proverbs 13:4**.

Next Sunday: "31: How to Give Honor"



Please bring this sheet with you to your Home Team this week!

Warm Up

- Share an example of when you have seen something deteriorate through neglect.

Opening Prayer

"Father, thank You for never neglecting us. We're grateful that Your love and mercies are new every morning."

Discussion Questions

Read Proverbs 24:30-34

⇒ Sunday we were reminded that our lives are like modern day vineyard. With this in mind, ask yourself whether there are any specific areas of your life that are currently suffering neglect. Home? Work? Health? Finances? Relationships? Circle one of these or write down something else that may have come to mind.

⇒ What is one productive action step you can take this week to make a positive change in this area?

⇒ Is there something you need to stop doing this week so that you can focus on what is most important.

Read Proverbs 20:4

⇒ Give a contemporary example of what it might mean to “plow in season” or to take advantage of the opportunities the Lord sends your way.

Read Proverbs 14:23

⇒ Give an example of a time when you have invested your own “sweat equity” and/or seen your own hard work pay off.

Read Proverbs 11:24-25; 21:25-26

⇒ The Bible teaches that having a generous spirit keeps the blessing of God flowing through our lives. When we act out of fear or selfishness, we restrict God’s blessing. What could you do to express generosity to someone in need this week?

Read Proverbs 26:16

⇒ This verse points out that the sluggard resists wise counsel. What can we do to expose blind spots and to make sure we remain teachable?

Read Proverbs 13:4

⇒ One of the signs of spiritual entropy is a loss of gratitude. Can you share some specific things you are thankful for right now?

“How soon ‘not now’ becomes ‘never!’”
—Martin Luther



Praise & Prayer List



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Message Notes
& Home Team
Small Group Questions

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For the week of May 2, 2010

This Sunday
“31”
“How to Give Honor”