



# Weekly Devotion

## “A lazy man ain’t no man”

“A lazy man ain’t no good ‘cuz he ain’t no man. Anybody wants to earn the right to call himself a man needs to get up and go to work.”

A good friend of mine likes to say that. And I like to hear him say it because he is one hundred percent right.

A lazy man can’t in good conscience call himself a man because he won’t do the work necessary to build a life worthy of a man.

In Proverbs 6, Solomon warns his son against the pitfalls of laziness. He points him to the example of the ant—one of the hardest-working members of the insect kingdom—to teach him the daily benefits of a good work ethic.

“Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest. How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man” (Proverbs 6:6-11).

Notice the ant’s work ethic and contrast her wisdom with the sluggard’s foolishness.

The ant has no need for a supervisor to direct

her actions because she is self-reliant. Although she is part of a colony, she works independently, without the oversight of a supervisor to tell her what she needs to do. On her own initiative, she prepares her provisions in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest.

The ant is an insect with a brain that’s far inferior to the human mind. Yet even she instinctively understands that it’s her responsibility to provide for herself. By her own self-reliant work, she sustains her life and fulfills her God-given function as an ant.

The sluggard, meanwhile, is a man who has his own set of responsibilities—yet he refuses to put forth the effort to meet them. He is a lazy man who spends the better part of his day lying around rather than working for a living and doing his God-given job as a human.

Solomon says this guy’s top priorities are “a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest.” Unlike the ant, he refuses to get up and meet his own needs.

The sluggard is a man who has the ability to work, but he lacks the grit to be self-reliant. He lacks the fortitude to produce and provide. He’d rather eke out his days in poverty than go out

and get a real job and make something of himself.

And as a result of his foolish life choices, “want” and “need” will come upon him like armed bandits and rob him of what little he has managed to accumulate.

One thing we’d all be wise to remember is this: The world doesn’t owe us a thing. Like Solomon says, we are responsible for our own well-being. That means it’s up to us to govern ourselves and to meet our own daily needs—just like the ant.

A real man uses the skill of his mind and the sweat of his brow to make his own way and earn his own keep in this world—and in the process, he builds a good and meaningful life for himself.

A lazy man is an abomination to the Lord and a burden on his neighbors. But a man who works hard to meet his daily responsibilities is a man that honors God (by working with integrity), loves his neighbors (by producing useful services), and respects himself (by being self-reliant and providing for himself and his family like a real man is supposed to).

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