

Laziness

Mat 7:13 (NKJV) "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

Mat 7:14 (NKJV) Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Pro 30:8 (NKJV) Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches—Feed me with the food allotted to me;

Pro 30:9 (NKJV) Lest I be full and deny You, And say, "Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor and steal, And profane the name of my God.

Pro 23:4 (NKJV) Do not overwork to be rich; Because of your own understanding, cease!

Pro 6:6 (NKJV) Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise,

Pro 6:7 (NKJV) Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler,

Pro 6:8 (NKJV) Provides her supplies in the summer, *And* gathers her food in the harvest.

Pro 6:9 (NKJV) How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep?

Pro 6:10 (NKJV) A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep—

Pro 6:11 (NKJV) So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

Ant Documentary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-gIx7LXcQM&t=1412s>

Pro 19:15 (NKJV) Laziness casts *one* into a deep sleep, And an idle person will suffer hunger.

Pro 24:30 (NKJV) I went by the field of the lazy *man*, And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding;

Pro 24:31 (NKJV) And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down.

Pro 24:32 (NKJV) When I saw *it*, I considered *it* well; I looked on *it and* received instruction:

Pro 24:33 (NKJV) A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest;

Pro 24:34 (NKJV) So shall your poverty come *like* a prowler, And your need like an armed man.

Psa 37:7 (NKJV) Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

Isa 28:16 (NKJV) Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily.

Pro 20:4 (NKJV) The lazy *man* will not plow **because of winter**; He will beg during harvest and *have* nothing.

Pro 26:13 (NKJV) The lazy *man* says, "**There is a lion in the road!** A fierce lion *is* in the streets!"

Ecc 11:4 (NKJV) He who observes the wind will not sow, And he who regards the clouds will not reap.

<http://tryingthespirits.com/2015-07/do-business-until-i-come/>

Pro 13:4 (NKJV) The soul of a lazy *man* desires, and *has* nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

Ecc 10:18 (NKJV) Because of laziness the building decays, And through idleness of hands the house leaks.

Pro 21:25 (NKJV) The desire of the lazy *man* kills him, For his hands refuse to labor.

Pro 21:26 (NKJV) He covets greedily all day long, But the righteous gives and does not spare.

Pro 18:9 (KJV) He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great **waster**.

Pro 18:9 (ESV) Whoever is slack in his work is a brother to him who **destroys**.

Mat 25:24 (NKJV) "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.'

Mat 25:25 (NKJV) And I was **afraid**, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is yours*.'

Mat 25:26 (NKJV) "But his lord answered and said to him, '**You wicked and lazy servant**, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.'

Mat 25:27 (NKJV) So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.

Mat 25:28 (NKJV) So take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents.

Mat 25:29 (NKJV) 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

Mat 25:30 (NKJV) And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

ZEAL

Joh 2:14 (NKJV) And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business.

Joh 2:15 (NKJV) When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.

Joh 2:16 (NKJV) And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"

Joh 2:17 (NKJV) Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "**ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE HAS EATEN ME UP.**"

Rom 12:10 (NKJV) *Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;*

Rom 12:11 (NKJV) **not lagging in diligence**, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

Rom 12:12 (NKJV) rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

Rom 12:13 (NKJV) distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Rom 12:14 (NKJV) Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

2Th 3:10 (NKJV) For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

Col 3:23 (ESV) Whatever you do, **work heartily**, as for the Lord and not for men,

Col 3:24 (ESV) knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Isa 32:9 (NKJV) Rise up, you **women who are at ease**, Hear my voice; You **complacent** daughters, Give ear to my speech.

Isa 32:10 (NKJV) In a year and *some* days You will be troubled, you **complacent** women; For the vintage will fail, The gathering will not come.

Isa 32:11 (NKJV) Tremble, you *women* who are at ease; Be troubled, you complacent ones; Strip yourselves, make yourselves bare, And gird *sackcloth* on *your* waists.

Isa 32:12 (NKJV) People shall mourn upon their breasts For the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

Isa 32:13 (NKJV) On the land of my people will come up thorns *and* briers, Yes, on all the happy homes *in* the joyous city;

Isa 32:14 (NKJV) Because the palaces will be forsaken, The bustling city will be deserted. The forts and towers will become lairs forever, A joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks—

Isa 32:15 (NKJV) Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, And the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, And the fruitful field is counted as a forest.

Isa 32:16 (NKJV) Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, And righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

Isa 32:17 (NKJV) The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.

Isa 32:18 (NKJV) My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places,

Isa 32:19 (NKJV) Though hail comes down on the forest, And the city is brought low in humiliation.

Isa 32:20 (NKJV) Blessed *are* you who sow beside all waters, Who send out freely the feet of the ox and the donkey.

1. What am I avoiding?
2. What do I want?
3. What do I do next?
4. Do it.

Psa 37:4 (NKJV) Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

1Jn 5:14 (NKJV) Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

1Jn 5:15 (NKJV) And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Jas 1:5 (NKJV) If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Jas 1:6 (NKJV) But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

Jas 1:7 (NKJV) For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

Jas 1:8 (NKJV) he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Laziness

Lazy People

[Pro 10:4-5](#); [Pro 10:26](#); [Pro 12:24](#); [Pro 12:27](#); [Pro 13:4](#);
[Pro 15:19](#); [Pro 18:9](#); [Pro 19:15](#); [Pro 19:24](#); [Pro 20:4](#);
[Pro 21:25-26](#); [Pro 22:13](#); [Pro 24:30-34](#); [Pro 26:13-16](#).

Not Being Lazy

[Pro 20:13](#); [Rom 12:10-11](#); [Heb 6:11-12](#).

What Laziness Does

[Pro 19:15](#); [Pro 23:20-21](#); [Ecc 10:18](#).

Topical Bible Dictionary

LAZINESS

[Pro 19:15](#) L. causes a deep sleep
[Pro 31:27](#) the bread of L. she does not eat
[Ecc 10:18](#) Through L. beamwork sinks in

New World Translation

Laziness

LA'ZINESS, n. [from lazy.]

1. The state or quality of being lazy; indisposition to action or exertion; indolence; sluggishness; heaviness in motion; habitual sloth. Laziness differs from idleness; the latter being a mere defect or cessation of action, but laziness is sloth, with natural or habitual disinclination to action.

Laziness travels so slowly, that poverty soon overtakes him.

2. Slowness; tardiness.

Webster's Dictionary of American English

Slothfulness

General references

[Pro 6:6-11](#); [Pro 10:4-5](#); [Pro 10:26](#); [Pro 12:24](#); [Pro 12:27](#);
[Pro 13:4](#); [Pro 15:19](#); [Pro 18:9](#); [Pro 19:15](#); [Pro 19:24](#);
[Pro 20:4](#); [Pro 21:25](#); [Pro 23:21](#); [Pro 24:30-34](#); [Pro 26:13-16](#);
[Pro 22:13](#); [Ecc 10:18](#); [Isa 56:10](#); [Mat 25:26-27](#);
[Rom 12:11](#); [2Th 3:10-12](#); [Heb 6:12](#)

See *Idleness*; *Industry*

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Slothfulness

SLOTH'FULNESS, n. The indulgence of sloth; inactivity; the habit of idleness; laziness. Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep. Prov 19.

Webster's Dictionary of American English

Slothfulness

SLOTHFULNESS

1. *Gospel usage.*—The noun 'sloth' is not found; the adj. 'slothful' (*ὄκνητός*) occurs once only ([Mat 25:26](#)). The wicked, slothful, and unprofitable servant is silhouetted once, for all men and time. The words, 'Thou wicked and slothful servant,' 'were in the Gospel well coupled; and the first epithet was grounded on the second, he being therefore wicked, because he had been slothful' (Barrow). It is the man of one talent, and he who has buried the same, that is guilty of the sin of sloth. That is true psychology. But let every man give heed unto himself. Genius has yielded to this sin as well as mediocrity. Stewardship of five talents has

been neglected, and equally in that case the 'precipitate' of character has been sloth.

2. *The life of Jesus a rebuke to slothfulness.*—The Saviour was in all respects a complete opposite to 'the slothful servant.' The zeal of the Lord ate Him up ([Joh 2:17](#)). Early and late He wearied not in well-doing, but accomplished what was given Him to do. 'Our great example, the life of our blessed Lord Himself, what was it but one continual exercise of labour? His mind did ever stand bent in careful attention, studying to do good. His body was ever moving in wearisome travel to the same Divine intent' (Barrow). His practice stimulates to diligence, His preaching warns to avoid sloth. The Apostle Paul was built on the same model. When he bids men be 'not slothful in business' ([Rom 12:11](#) Authorized Version), these are the words of a man who was in labours most abundant ([2Co 11:23](#)).

Literature.—Bruce, *Parabolic Teaching of Christ*, 'The Talents'; Horton, *Proverbs*, 'Idleness'; Barrow, *Sermons*, on 'Industry'; Drummond, *Natural Law in the Spiritual World*, 'Degeneration'; Stalker, *Seven Deadly Sins* (1901), 115.

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Slowness Of Heart

SLOWNESS OF HEART.—A disposition which our Lord discerned in His disciples, especially in relation to His Person and work ([Luk 24:25](#) βραδεῖς τῇ καρδίᾳ). He connects it with 'emptiness of mind' (ἀνόητος, cf. Bengel, who paraphrases, 'void of mind and slow of heart') as the joint cause of their failure to understand and believe the testimony of the prophets concerning Himself. This dual disposition is characteristic of the disciples' attitude toward the whole of Christ's teaching (cf. [Mat 15:15-17](#); [Mat 16:8-12](#), [Joh 14:9](#)); and the order in which the epithets are employed in [Luk 24:25](#) suggests that slowness of heart is the root from which dulness of mind concerning spiritual truth springs. The disciples believed, but slowly, and with a heavy heart. There was an element of reluctance in their faith. Jesus was not the sort of Messiah they expected, and His teaching was not the kind of teaching they desired. He and His words, in consequence, encountered in their hearts an unwillingness to believe which generated, in its turn, failure to understand. Slowness of heart thus reveals a moral fault. The free action of faith is hindered by prejudice of one kind or another. The will is biassed in a different direction (cf. [Joh 7:17](#)). As Godet says, 'If they had embraced the living God with more fervent faith, the fact of the resurrection would not have been so strange to their hopes' (Com. on *St. Luke's Gospel*, vol. ii. p. 354). Slowness of heart is the opposite extreme to that over-quickness of faith which our Lord stigmatized in the parable of the Sower under the figure of the rocky ground. Between these extremes there is a quickness of heart which is ready to believe whatever bears the sufficient warrant of the Word of God. Of this quickness Nathanael is a striking instance ([Joh 1:45-49](#)). Thomas, on the other hand, illustrates slowness of heart, while Christ's treatment of him shows us how He deals with such slow believers and quickens their faith into great confessions ([Joh 20:24-29](#)).

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