

## “Wisdom to Live By!”

### Part 7: “Laziness vs. Working for the Lord!”



**Proverbs 6:6, 10:4, 15:19, 20:13, 24:30-34;  
Ecclesiastes 3:9-13; II Thessalonians  
3:10-15; Colossians 3:22-24**

Introduction: “A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber ...” – Proverbs 20:33-34

The truth is: Laziness is a spiritual problem!

*Through the work of the Spirit in believers, life’s MISSION becomes the motivation for serving Christ through your daily labor.*

“Work” is the daily act of stewardship ... of taking care of what needs to be done.

### I. The spiritual cause of laziness: the control of the flesh!

#### Proverbs 24:30-34:

What do you have to do for things around you to deteriorate, to fall apart?  
NOTHING!!

#### Romans 8:22:

God gave mankind stewardship over creation, but because of sin we are all, by nature, servants of SELF.

“Laziness” has become for many an occupational choice.

#### Romans 8:7-8:

You should be busy working, being productive, for six days out of the week, without feeling that you are being overworked!

### II Thessalonians 3:6-15:

GOD says laziness is bad and work is GOOD!!

### Proverbs 6:6-11, 10:4:

Given the opportunity, your flesh will control you!

### II. The spiritual cure for laziness: the proper view of your life’s mission!

Working is a large part of your mission from God.

#### Matthew 6:19-21:

### II Corinthians 9:6-15:

The only lasting cure for laziness is the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

#### Proverbs 15:19:

The “*level highway*” is the daily assurance that you are doing what GOD wants you to be doing with the day/life HE has given to you.

#### Proverbs 20:13:

There is a “*poverty of* spirit” that overwhelms the soul of many, and the desire for an excessive amount of sleep is one of its symptoms.

True joy and happiness, spiritual satisfaction, fulfillment and contentment cannot be found in laziness, but rather, is found in productive labor.

### III. The spiritual alternative to laziness: Working for the Lord!!

#### Ecclesiastes 3:9-13:

Fruitful labor is God’s gift to you!

#### Matthew 24:45-46:

**Colossians 3:22-24:** “*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord, and not for men ... You are serving the Lord Christ!*” (vss. 23-24).

### I Corinthians 15:58: