

**Series: The Proverbs Speak.**

**Title: The Proverbs Speak on Laziness.**

**Text: various texts**

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## 1. The Condition of Laziness.

(what laziness looks like)

A. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 6:9–10** *How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? <sup>10</sup>A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest...*

**Proverbs 19:15; 20:13; 26:14**

B. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 24:30–31** *I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, <sup>31</sup>and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down.*

C. Poverty.

**Proverbs 6:10–11** *A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, <sup>11</sup>and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.*

**Proverbs 10:4; 20:13**

D. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 12:24** *...the slothful will be put to forced labor.*

E. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 12:27** *Whoever is slothful will not roast his game...*

**Proverbs 19:24**

F. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 13:4a** *The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing..*

G. Excuses.

**Proverbs 26:13** *The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road! There is a lion in the streets!"*

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All scripture quotes are from the English Standard Version unless otherwise noted.

H. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 18:9** *Whoever is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys.*

## 2. The Character of Laziness.

(what the heart of a lazy person looks like)

A. Unreliable.

**Proverbs 10:26** *Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him.*

B. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 10:5b** *...he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame.*  
**Proverbs 20:4**

C. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 21:25** *The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.*

D. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 14:23** *In all toil there is profit, but mere talk tends only to poverty.*

E. Selfish.

**Proverbs 21:26** *All day long (the sluggard) craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.*

## 3. The Cure for Laziness.

(what you can do about it)

A. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 10:4** *A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.*

**Proverbs 12:24; 12:27; 13:4**

B. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 20:13** *Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread.*

**Proverbs 14:23; 21:25**

C. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 21:26** *All day long (the sluggard) craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.*