"The Art of Skillful Living – Week 5"
Proverbs 6:6-11, 12:27, 15:19-20,
19:24, 21:25-26, 24:30-34, 26 :13
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WISDOM CALLS US TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND REJECT PASSIVITY IN OUR ACTIONS.

1) WISDOM CALLS (v. 6)

2) TAKE RESPONSIBILITY (vs. 7-8, 12:27, 21:25-26)

3) REJECT PASSIVITY (vs. 9-10, 15:19, 19:24, 26:13-16)

4) CONSEQUENCES OF LAZINESS (vs. 11, 10:4, 24:30-34)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Proverbs 6:1-5

Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER: What are some ways you're tempted to be lazy (i.e. Facebook, TV, Netflix)?

1) What life lessons have you learned by observing nature?

2) Why is it significant that ants naturally work hard without supervision?

3) What is the connection between laziness and responsibility?

4) How is laziness or being a "sluggard" unwise?

5) How does laziness reflect your view of God?

6) How might one be a busy sluggard? In other words, how can someone be busy doing meaningless things and ignoring the important things?

7) We all need sleep, but what is the danger of adding "a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands..."?

8) Does this passage mean that we can't rest?

9) What is the danger of being a sluggard according to verse 11?

10) Are all poor people lazy and all lazy people poor?

11) Where in your life do you need to actively take responsibility and not be lazy?

12) How can you fight the pull of passivity this week?

13) How can we pray for you this week?