



Welcome to MV Bible Studies

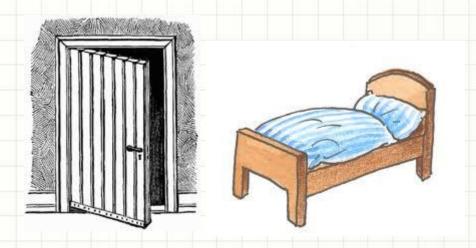


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The Sluggard

(1) The Sluggard is a Procrastinator

- Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow"
- The sluggard is always just about ready to start a job, but not quite

✓ 22:13; 6:9-10; 10:5

The Sluggard nearly never finishes a task.

- √ 12:27; + hunt an animal, not roasting it
- ✓ 26:15; + having a meal, not able to eat
- ✓ 20:4 + sow the seed not plowed

(2) The Sluggard is a Rationalizer

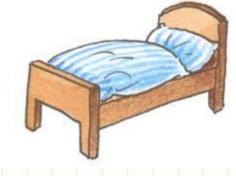
- His mind is working faster than his body
- There is always a "reason" for his apathy & inactivity

- √ 22:13; 26:13 (potential dangers)
- ✓ 6:10; 24:33 (only a little ...)

- (3) The Sluggard takes the Path of least Resistence
- If the sluggard is anything, he is lazy

√ 10:5.26;19:15; 20:13; 26:14





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Consequences for the Sluggard

Problems & Pressure

- √ 19:15; 6:10-11 (hunger, poverty)
- √ 15:19 (plagued with problems)
- √ 12:24 (pressure)

The Source for the Sluggard's Problem

(1)The Sluggard is self-seeking

- Always looking out for number one himself
- He has no consideration for anyone else
- √ 21:25-26 (⇔ 22:9 29:7 31:20)

The Source for the Sluggard's Problem

(2) The Sluggard is a Pleasure-Seeker

His inability to deny himself of immediate gratification leads to his poverty

√ 13:4; 21:17

The Solution to the Problem

(1)The Sluggars attention can be gained by pain, pressure & problems

✓ 16:26 (2. Thes 3:10)

The Solution to the Problem

- (2) The Sluggard must change his perspective & priorities
- The gospel of Jesus Christ transforms parasites to producers; those who take from others to those who give sacrificially
- ✓ e.g. Eph 4:28
- The greatest goal in life is not to be happy, but to be holy (Christ-like)

The Solution to the Problem

(3) The Sluggard must go to work

√ 12:11; 14:23; 28:19; 24:27)

Application for the Christian

- Perhaps we all have to admit that we have too much of a sluggard in us when it comes to unpleasant tasks
- ➤ Are the symptoms of the sluggard seen in my life when it comes to spiritual duties & obligations?

Spiritual Sluggard

May the primary reason for my failure

- to pray,
- ❖to study my Bible,
- to worship,
- to witness my faith ...

.... be that I am a spiritual sluggard?

Consider: 2:1-5; Mt 25:24-27

Spritually Asleep or Awake?

- "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time
 to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer
 than when we believed." Rom 13:11
- "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. "1.Thes 5:4-6
- Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Eph 5:11-16

The Workaholic

How proud the workaholic might feel. After all, he is not a sluggard, just the opposite. Really?





The Workaholic

- The term "workaholic" does not refer to the man or woman who is dilligent at his or her task.
- The workaholic is the person who is so consumed by his work that he avoids other, more important, obligations



The Workaholic

- For some becoming workaholics is a socially acceptable way to be spiritual sluggards.
- If the things we are working hardest at are keeping us from obeying the commands of our Lord, we may be both workaholics & sluggards



Proverbs 31: 13.20.27

Pro 31:13 She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

Pro 31:20 She **opens her hand** to the poor and **reaches out** her hands to the needy.

Pro 31:27 She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat **the bread of idleness.**

