

“Breaking Through – Laziness & Passivity”

Series: Breaking Through
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Proverbs 24:30-34 (NLT)

“I walked by the field of a lazy person, the vineyard of one lacking sense. I saw that it was overgrown with thorns. It was covered with weeds, and its walls were broken down. Then, as I looked and thought about it, I learned this lesson: A little extra sleep, a little more slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will pounce on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber.”

THE DOWN-SIDE OF LAZINESS

1. Laziness will: _____ Your _____! (*one who lacks sense!*)
2. Laziness will: _____ Your _____! (*overgrown*)
3. Laziness will: _____ Your _____! (*covered with weeds*)
4. Laziness will: _____ Your _____! (*walls broken down*)
5. Laziness will: _____ Your _____! (*poverty will pounce*)
6. Laziness will: _____ You _____! (*scarcity will attack*)

THE SPIRITUAL-SIDE OF LAZINESS

1. The Bible teaches me I must care about... _____

1 Corinthians 4:2 (NLT)

“Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.”

Luke 12:48b (NLT)

“Much is required from those to whom much is given....”

2. The Bible teaches me I must care about... _____

Matthew 6:34 (NLT)

“So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

Breaking Through Laziness and Passivity: (James 1:22)

1. Jesus Teaches Me To: Stop being _____ when discipline and work are _____.

Proverbs 10:4 (CEV)

“Laziness leads to poverty; hard work makes you rich.”

Matthew 20:13-15a (CEV)

The Owner: “Friends, I didn’t cheat you. I paid you exactly what we agreed on... What business is it of yours if I want to pay them the same that I paid you? Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money?”

2. Jesus Teaches Me To: Seek to see the “ _____ ” & the “ _____ ”.

Psalms 118:24 (NCV)

“This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad today!”

3. Jesus Teaches Me To: Set a _____ plan to Develop some _____.

Romans 12:1 (MSG)

“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.”

4. Jesus Teaches Me To: Share the plan with a _____ and _____.

Ecclesiastes 4:9a (NIV)

“Two are better than one...”

5. Jesus Teaches Me To: Start _____ Start with one, _____ of one area of _____ you know you battle.

Additional verses on Laziness to study on your own:

Proverbs 6:6-11, Proverbs 10:4, Proverbs 10:26, Proverbs 12:24, Proverbs 12:27, Proverbs 13:4, Proverbs 15:19, Proverbs 19:15, Proverbs 21:25, Proverbs 22:13, Proverbs 24:30-34, Proverbs 26:14, Proverbs 16:16, Ecclesiastes 5:18-19, Ecclesiastes 10:18, Isaiah 56:10, Matthew 7:14, Matthew 25:12-30, Romans 8:11, Romans 8:15-17, Romans 12:11, Ephesians 5:14-16, Philippians 2:12, 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12, 1 Timothy 5:9, Hebrews 6:11-12

Answer Key

Laziness
Trusted, Encouraging friend, Somewhere, Small sacrifice,
Uncomfortable, “Big Picture”, “Gift of Today”, Realistic, Life-enhancing habits,
Means of Living, Stare, To Death, God’s big picture, The gift of today, Surprised,
Shatter, Reputation, Sap, Energy, Smother, Plans, Spoil, Security, Squander,