

# Why Work?



FOOL PROOF: WISDOM IN PROVERBS:  
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WISDOM from PROVERBS

Proverbs 6:6-9 Go to the ant, you **sluggard**; observe its ways and be wise! <sup>7</sup> It has no commander, overseer, or ruler, <sup>8</sup> yet it prepares its food in the summer; it gathers at the harvest what it will eat. <sup>9</sup> How long, you **sluggard**, will you lie there? When will you rise from your sleep?

Proverbs 26:14 As a door turns on its hinges, so a **sluggard** turns on his bed.

Proverbs 19:24 The **sluggard** buries his hand in the dish; he will not even bring it back to his mouth!

Proverbs 20:4 A **sluggard** does not plow in season; so at harvest time he looks but finds nothing.

## Proverbs Contrast the Sluggard with the Diligent

Proverbs 13:4 The **sluggard** craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the **diligent** are fully satisfied.

### 1. You were designed to \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 1:28 And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion..." (NRSV)

Genesis 2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. (NIV)

Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed the man out of the dust from the ground... (HSCB)

Near the conclusion of WWII, Sayers spoke about the contrast of the pre-war work ethic and the communal effort demonstrated by working together for a cause beyond the individual: "I see no reason why we should not [continue to] sacrifice our convenience and our individual standard of living... Or shall we want to go back to that civilization of greed and waste which we dignify by the name of a "high standard of living"? -Dorothy Sayers

### 2. Choose to make a \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 12:2 and I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (ESV)

a. That means choosing meaningful work.

b. That means making use of your unique talents.

### 3. Remember you're working for the \_\_\_\_\_.

Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men. (HCSB)

Ephesians 6:6-7 Don't work only while being watched, in order to please men, but as slaves of Christ, do God's will from your heart. <sup>7</sup> Serve with a good attitude, as to the Lord and not to men. (HCSB)

### 4. You were made to \_\_\_\_\_, reflect, and enjoy life.

Genesis 2:2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. (NIV)

## Communion

Matthew 26:26-28 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup>This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (NIV)

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