

WCBC SERMON NOTES - SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

TOPIC: "Labour Day & The Bible!"

TEXT: Proverbs 6:6-11

INTRO: History of Canadian Labour Day!

I. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SLUGGARD:

1. He does not begin things - Prov 6:9 cf 26:14
Proverbs 26:14 - "As a door turns on its' hinges, so a sluggard turns on his bed."
Note: To the sluggard, present ease is more important than the future. Because of this, he becomes impoverished! - Prov 20:4
Prov 20:4 - "A sluggard does not plow in season; so at harvest time he looks but finds nothing."
2. He does not conclude things - Prov 26:15
Prov 26:15: - "The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth!"
Note: The sluggard is a great starter but a slow finisher (if he finishes at all!). The lazy man does not even cook his game. He does not finish the job! - Prov 12:27 cf II Thess 3:10
Prov 12:27 - "The lazy man does not roast his game..."
II Thess 3:10 - "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."
3. He does not face things - Prov 20:4
Prov 20:4 - "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold..." (KJV)
Note: He will come up with a lot of excuses for not working! - Prov 22:13
Prov 22:13 - "The sluggard says, There is a lion outside!" or, "I will be murdered in the streets!"

II. THE CORRECTION OF THE SLUGGARD:

1. Why does a sluggard need correction?
 - A. Bondage (slave labour) - Prov 12:24
Prov 12:24 - "Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in slave labor."
 - B. Hunger - Prov 19:15
Prov 19:15 - "Laziness brings on deep sleep, and the shiftless man goes hungry."

- Downtown Windsor Panhandler!
 - C. Poverty - Prov 10:4
Prov 10:4 - "Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth"
2. How Does A Sluggard Learn Correction?
 - A. By Example = From The Ant! - Prov 6:6-8
 - Statistics on Ants!
Note: Ants are EXTREMELY WISE! - Prov 6:6 cf 30:24-28, esp v 24
Prov 30:24 - "Four things on earth are small, yet they (ants) are extremely wise..."
 1. He is to learn respect - Prov 6:7
 2. He is to learn responsibility - Prov 6:8
 - B. By Experience = From His Own! - Prov 6: 9-11
Note: Although sadly, the lesson may come too late! - Prov 6:11
Prov 6:11 - "...and POVERTY will come on you like a bandit and SCARCITY like an armed man," i.e., poverty will come when it is too late!

CONCLUSION: The Antidote To Laziness!

See If It's Raining!

A story is told about a mountaineer and his wife. They were sitting in front of the fireplace one evening just passing time away! After a long silence, the wife said, "Jed, I think it's raining. Get up and go outside, and see." The old mountaineer continued to gaze into the fire for a second, then said, "Aw, Ma, why don't we just call in the dog, AND SEE IF HE'S WET!" - Paul L. Tan

Verse For Today

"Do you see a man skilled (diligent) in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure (ordinary) men!" - Proverbs 22:29

Food For Thought

"Nowadays God helps those who help themselves, and the government helps those who don't!" - Dan Bennett
