

## Living Wisely In a Foolish World - Leaving Laziness

Proverbs 15:19 "The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain."

Introduction: The Sloth

### I. The Cost of Laziness

A. Laziness spoils relationships - Matthew 26:36b "... Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder."

Matthew 26:38, 40;

Proverbs 15:19; Proverbs 20:4; Proverbs 12:27;

B. Laziness stifles good intentions - Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Proverbs 13:4 "The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied." (ESV)

### II. The Cure for Laziness

A. We need to Spotlight areas of our laziness - Job 6:24 "Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred."

B. Seek God's forgiveness - Proverbs 28:13 "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

C. Select only one area at a time - Ecclesiastes 9:10;

D. Start doing better **today** -

Proverbs 27:1 "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

Proverbs 22:13 "The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets."

Ecclesiastes 11:4 "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap."

Conclusion: