

"LAZINESS IS NOT A SPIRITUAL GIFT"

- In Proverbs, a lazy person is described as a "s sluggard" or "slothful"
- From the Greek word meaning "_____ of CARE"
- "Laziness is a _____ condition because biblically it is a condition of the heart"

"Work hard and become a leader; be lazy and become a slave."
Proverbs 12:24

"Lazy people don't even cook the game they catch, but the diligent make use of everything they find." Proverbs 12:27

"Lazy people are soon poor; hard workers get rich." Proverbs 10:4

"Lazy people irritate their employers, like vinegar to the teeth or smoke in the eyes." Proverbs 10:26

"Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper." Proverbs 13:4

FORMS OF LAZINESS

1. We can be _____ lazy
2. We can be _____ lazy
3. We can be _____ lazy
4. We can be _____ lazy

"Laziness is not a hard state for us to fall into. All it takes is nothing!"

CHARACTERISTICS OF LAZINESS

- Lazy people make excuses (Proverbs 26:13)
- Lazy people waste time (Proverbs 18:9)
- Lazy people hate to work (Proverbs 21:25)
- Lazy people sleep too much (Proverbs 26:14)
- Lazy people lack self awareness (Proverbs 26:16)

THE SPIRITUAL CONSEQUENCES OF LAZINESS

1. We may miss out on God's _____
"I know the plans I have for you,' says the Lord, 'They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.'" Jeremiah 29:11
2. We may miss out on God's _____
"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me." John 15:4
3. We may miss out on God's _____
"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." John 10:10

THE CURE FOR LAZINESS

1. _____ and schedule "ON PURPOSE"
"Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work, they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter." Proverbs 6:6
2. _____ your relationship with Jesus Christ
"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." Matthew 6:33
3. _____ God's best for you
"Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically." Romans 12:11
"Whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father." Colossians 3:17
"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people." Colossians 3:23
"Whatever you do, do well." Ecclesiastes 9:10

ASSIGNMENT

Read Proverbs 13. Email george@faithpointchurch.org and share in a few words what spoke to you and why