

Go to the Ant
Proverbs 6:1-11

Wake up ...

I. Sluggard!

- A. Lazy & Unproductive
- B. Poverty Awaits

II. Consider the Ant

- A. Self-motivated
- B. Productive

III. And Get to Work

- A. Remember Who You Serve
- B. Develop Your Work Ethic
 - 1. Biblical
 - 2. Balanced
- C. Consider
 - 1. Your Worth
 - 2. Your Wealth
 - 3. Your Witness

... and serve well.

Children, Listen ...

1. What is a sluggard?
2. Why is the sluggard told to see what ants are like when it comes to work?
3. Does God care about how we do our school work and chores at home?
4. You have parents that give you jobs around the house, teachers that give you work to do in school – and some day you will work for someone in a job. We serve them all in a way, but who is it we are serving above all?

Sloths Vs. Saints

Sloths vs. Saints is not a sports rivalry but two mutually exclusive categories of people – or at least two mentalities that are bound to clash. Laziness is not a Christian virtue and while some of us may be prone to it, it is not something we can be comfortable with as Christians. Scripture teaches us that we are to be honest, industrious and productive people in whatever our calling is in life. There are obvious material issues surrounding our work ethic, but for Christians there is always more. The Lord always takes us higher and therefore our work ethic has everything to do with our spiritual condition and our relationship with Him. In whatever we do we are to honor God and we are to remember that ultimately, we are serving God whoever our earthly bosses and superiors may be. I have known sluggards, but I have not met one at Covenant yet! You are a hard-working bunch with a great work ethic. But with all your hard work never lose sight of the fact that all your labors in school, the workplace, the home and even what you do in your retirement is ultimately unto the Lord - and that is something that should bring you great joy and satisfaction!