



Sermon Questions

Date: *August 28, 2022* | Scripture: *Proverbs on Laziness (see reverse)*

1. Read the passages from the sermon together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. Before you heard the sermon, would you have considered yourself a lazy person? Why or why not? Did the sermon change your perspective?
3. The vice of slothfulness (or acedia) is not so much a deficiency of activity but more so a lack of passion. In other words, laziness is really a problem of not loving the right things, or perhaps not loving anything. In light of this, is it possible to be both lazy and a busybody? Do you know anyone like that? How are you guilty of being a busy lazy person?
4. What do you love? What gets you out of bed and motivates you? What are the things you are passionate about and work hard at?
5. Has there been a time in your life when you've felt particularly lazy and unmotivated about your faith? What was the cause of that? What pulled you out of it?
6. What about the gospel, or the person and work of Jesus, do you find most compelling?

Inward Grace in Action

7. Brainstorm ways those in your community group can spur one another on in love and good deeds, as Hebrews 10:24 says. Consider reading Hebrews 10:19-25 together. How might you help one another grow in passion for the Lord? How might that love motivate you to work diligently and love actively?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Exodus 20:8-11
- Psalm 121
- Isaiah 40:27-31
- Matthew 25:1-13
- Romans 13:8-14
- Hebrews 12:1-2

Serve: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

Pray for those in our church who suffer from physical and/or mental health challenges which make daily tasks difficult and which can often be mislabeled as laziness. [Click Here](#) to see more about our church's Care ministry.

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

Proverbs 6:9-11, 26:13-15, 10:26, 20:4, 21:25, 15:19 (ESV)

6:9-11 How long will you lie there, O sluggard?

When will you arise from your sleep?

A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest,
and poverty will come upon you like a robber,
and want like an armed man.

26:13-15 The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road!

There is a lion in the streets!"

As a door turns on its hinges,
so does a sluggard on his bed.

The sluggard buries his hand in the dish;
it wears him out to bring it back to his mouth.

10:26 Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,
so is the sluggard to those who send him.

20:4 The sluggard does not plow in the autumn;
he will seek at harvest and have nothing.

21:25 The desire of the sluggard kills him,
for his hands refuse to labor.

15:19 The way of a sluggard is like a hedge of thorns,
but the path of the upright is a level highway.