

2023.11.06 Family Worship lesson in “the Proverb of the day”

Proverbs 6:6–11

“Learning to Be Better Than an Ant”

6        Go to the ant, you sluggard!  
          Consider her ways and be wise,  
7        Which, having no captain,  
          Overseer or ruler,  
8        Provides her supplies in the summer,  
          And gathers her food in the harvest.  
9        How long will you slumber, O sluggard?  
          When will you rise from your sleep?  
10       A little sleep, a little slumber,  
          A little folding of the hands to sleep—  
11       So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler,  
          And your need like an armed man.

Pastor teaches his family a selection from “the Proverb of the day.” In these six verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us the sinfulness, deceitfulness, and harm of laziness—especially for those who should be image-bearers.

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Proverbs chapter 6 verses 6 through 11, these are God's words. Go to the ant, you sluggard Consider her ways and be wise. Which having no captain overseer or ruler. Provides her supplies in the summer. And gathers her food in the harvest. How long will you slumber? Those slugged. When will you rise from your sleep?

A little sleep. A little slumber. A little folding of the hands to sleep. Social your poverty. Come on, you Like a prowler. And your need like an armed, man.

So far, the reading of gods inspired. Then, to their end toward Where he shows us that. Laziness. Comes from the flesh. Then does self-destructive. And flaziness was inherent to. The creation. Than the ants would not be so diligent. The ant. Works hard because that is The. Logical thing. That self-interest.

Would teach us. It is. Obvious enough. That an insect by instinct. Knows not to be lazy. But a man. By depravity by sinfulness. Ordinarily reverts to laziness. And so we not only have the example of the ant that teaches us To identify our laziness. As a spiritual enemy. Something that is against god.

Something that came with the sin and death. That we entered into in our first father. Adam. So, he's identify lazy, not only identify laziness as a spiritual enemy. But we are then grateful to god for captains overseers and rulers. This also is contradictory to the flesh. People tend to grumble.

Against those who are making them do even things. That are good for them. That keep them from being self-harmful. And people tend To grumble against those whom the lord has set over us. For our good. We would not need. Uh, discipline from above if we exercise self-discipline. And so we see.

Uh, not only The sinfulness of our laziness. And, That. Authority. That helps us to not be lazy. Is a gift from god.

But we also see. That time. Is a limited quantity. It's the ant provides her supplies in the summer and gathers or food in the harvest. Why? Because the summer is a limited amount of time and harvest is a limited amount of time and the winter will come. Now, this is true for us, not only in the cyclical manner within years.

But this is true for us in our life as a whole, Our life is a limited quantity, the number of our days is set. The number of hours and minutes. That we have is. Pre-established. Money can be made. Other resources can be accumulated. You cannot accumulate for yourself more time.

We have a set amount and we continuously spend it. And yet. We may quite easily be rebuked. I think if we compare, Uh, how careful we are. Sometimes spending money. And how uncareful? Spending the The. Zero some limited quantity resource. Of our time. This is why it is such a self-deception.

Uh, to tell ourselves, as we further away time, we, of course, he's not saying don't sleep at all. Someone 27 says, the lord gives to his beloved sleep, But we could tell ourselves. Oh, it's just a little more sleep. In verse 10 was invented for the snooze bar. You know, three thousand years before the snooze bar It's just a little more sleep.

It's just a little more slumber. Just gonna take, A little break in between things. We have a friend who. Um, It's giving advice to another pastor who is whining that he didn't have enough time for everything. He had to do. And it wasn't me, i would I would own it.

If it were, i And he said, Well, the way you have to do things as a faster is And every moment you do the next thing that you're supposed to do and then you don't take breaks in between A little folding of the hands to rest. He was just making application.

A proverbs 6 verse 10. So here's the skill to seek from god. That he would give us using our time. Well, Because, The consequences of our sinful laziness. Sneak up on us and harm us. Your poverty. Social your poverty. Come on. You like a prowler. And your need like an armed, man.

So laziness. The harm. That laziness causes. A sneaks up on you comes on you like a prowler. And b is damaging genuinely damaging. Your need comes upon you. Like an armed, man. This is the lord give us to count our time as a gift from him. So that our hearts will love him and want to do well with time that we have.

So that we cannot just be liken ant. But we can learn from the end, how wicked Our laziness is and be better than the end. Because we will receive our time as a gift from god. To be redeemed unto the glory of god. Amen, let's pray. Our father, we thank you for the way your word to us.

Is sometimes. So clear and sharp by analogy. That it does enter in and devot. As it were between bone and marrow and soul. And spirit. And that reveals the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. Help us lord to Receive our time as a gift from you. And to redeem it unto your glory.

And not just to be less lazy humans. But better than ants. For having been redeemed into your image and conformity to Christ, We thank you that he did not waste time. That all of his resting was appropriate. And, Keeping of The resources that you. And trusted to him. Has been counted for us as obedience rendered.

Forgive us, our sins and grant us the work of your spirit. To conform us to him. We ask in jesus name. Amen.