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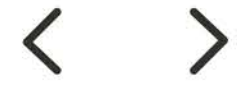
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laziness



laziness is progressive



- 6 Go to the ant, you lazy person;
OBSERVE its ways and GROW WISE.
- 7 The ant has **NO COMMANDER**, officer, or ruler.
- 8 Even so, it **gets its FOOD IN SUMMER**;
gathers its provisions at **HARVEST.**



- 30** I happened upon the **field of a LAZY PERSON**,
by the vineyard of one with no sense.
- 31** **THORNS** grew all over it;
WEEDS covered the ground,
and **THE STONE WALL** was falling down.
- 32** I observed this and took it to heart;
I saw it and **learned a lesson**.



33 “A little **SLEEP**, a little slumber,
a little **LYING DOWN** with folded arms—”

34 and **POVERTY** will come on you like
a **prowler [thief]**,
deprivation like a man with a shield.



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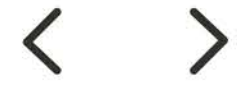
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marks of laziness



you make excuses



- 13** The lazy person claims,
 “There’s a lion on the road!
 Yes, I’m sure there’s a lion out there!”
- 14** As a door swings back and forth on its hinges,
 so the lazy person turns over in bed.
- 15** **Lazy people take food in their hand**
 but don’t even lift it to their mouth.



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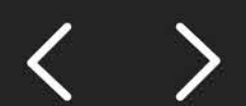
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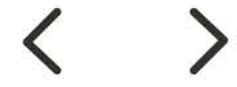
your unsatisfied desires make you a meddler



4 The **lazy** have **strong desires but receive nothing;**
the appetite of the diligent is satisfied.



¹⁰ Even when we were with you we were giving you this command: **“If anyone doesn’t want to work, they shouldn’t eat.”** ¹¹ We hear that some of you are **living an undisciplined life. They aren’t working, but they are meddling in other people’s business.** ¹² By the Lord Jesus Christ, we command and encourage such people to **work quietly and put their own food on the table.**



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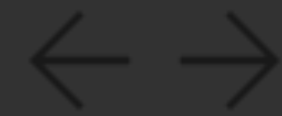


11 Those **who work their land** will have plenty to eat,
but those who **engage in empty pursuits**
[FANTASIES] have no sense.



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quote by TE Lawrence



“All men dream: but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake up in the day to find it was vanity, but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dreams with open eyes, to make it possible.”



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you are wise in your own eyes



16 Lazy people think they are wiser
than seven people who answer sensibly.



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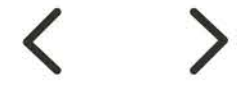


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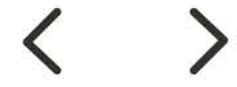
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with your co-workers and subordinates



- 1 A **sensitive answer** turns back wrath,
but an **offensive word** stirs up anger.
- 2 The **tongue of the wise** enhances knowledge,
but the **mouth of a fool** gushes with stupidity.



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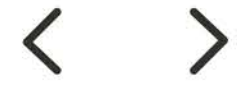
with your co-workers and subordinates



with your employees



16 Oppressing the poor to get rich and giving to the wealthy lead only to poverty.



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with your co-workers and subordinates



with your employees



with bosses



- 6** **Don't exalt yourself** in the presence of the king,
or stand in the place of important people,
- 7** because it is better that he say to you,
"Come up here," than to be demoted
before a ruler.



29 Do you see a man **skillful in his work?**
HE WILL STAND BEFORE KINGS;
he will not stand before obscure men.



²² Slaves [bond servants, workers], obey your earthly masters in everything you do. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. **Serve them sincerely because of your reverent fear of the Lord.** ²³ Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were **working for the Lord rather than for people.**



24 Remember that **the Lord** will give you an **inheritance** as your **reward**, and that the **Master you are serving is Christ**. **25** But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites. **1 Masters**, be just and **fair to your slaves** [bond servants, workers]. Remember **that you also have a Master—in heaven**.



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