

SERMON NOTES **7 Deadly Sins: Sloth**

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Proverbs 6:6-11; Philippians 2: 12-13; Matthew 26:36-46

A. GOOD SLOTH!

Defined: *Avoiding activity when God has something else for us to do
Avoiding busyness for the sake of busyness*

The Sabbath Commandment (Exodus 20)

Taking Time

1. For refreshment (perspective, fun, laughter)
2. For reflecting (thinking, processing)
3. For respecting (others)
4. For responding (listening, understanding)

B. BAD SLOTH!

Defined: *Inactivity when God has something for us to do,
or somewhere for us to go.*

1. Squandering G _____
NOT Multiplying Talents Matt.25:14-30
2. Slipping Away of T _____
NOT Planning Ahead: The Ants! Prov. 6
3. Sleeping Sp _____
NOT Staying Awake! (Gethsemane) Matt. 26:36-46
NOT Asking, seeking, knocking Matt. 7:7
NOT Building your House on Rock Matt. 7:24-27
NOT Bothering/Working to Love Luke 10

Exodus 20:8 / Deuteronomy 5:12

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy

Proverbs and Laziness

Proverbs 6:6-11

Go to the ant, you *lazybones*; consider its ways, and be wise.

Without having any chief or officer or ruler, it prepares its food in summer,
and gathers its sustenance in harvest.

How long will you lie there, O *lazybones*?

When will you rise 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 warrior.

Prov.13:4 The appetite of the **lazy** craves, and gets nothing,
while the appetite of the diligent is richly supplied.

Prov.22:13 The **lazy** person says,

"There is a lion outside! I shall be killed in the streets!"

Prov.26:14, 16 As a door turns on its hinges, so does a **lazy** person in bed . . .

The **lazy** person is wiser in self-esteem than seven who can answer discreetly.

Prov.24:30-34

I passed by the field of one who was **lazy**, by the vineyard of a stupid person;
and see, it was all overgrown with thorns;

the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down.

Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction.

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Garden of Gethsemane: Jesus' Friends

Matthew 26:40-41, 46

Then he came to the disciples and *found them sleeping*; and he said to Peter,

"So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? *Stay awake* and pray that you
may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

46 *Get up! Let us be going!*

The Apostle Paul

Philippians 2: 12-13

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my
presence, but much more now in my absence, ***work out your own salvation with
fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you***, enabling you both to will
and to work for his good pleasure.