



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice Breaker What do you normally do on Super Bowl Sunday?
What are your plans for next week?

1. Read Proverbs 6:9-11. Talk about times in your own life or in someone else's life where the description in these verses were evident. What were the long term effects on others? Did the situation turn around or are there still effects today?
2. Pastor Tom said that these verses can represent procrastination. How can procrastination get us into trouble? Share with the group an area where you tend to procrastinate. Read Proverbs 22:13. Sometimes we can be expert excuse-makers when something needs to be accomplished. Have you ever had lions outside? Read Proverbs 26:13-16. How are these verses a path to self-deception?
3. Compartmentalization can be a problem, Pastor Tom said, when we struggle with sluggishness. He stated that "if enough areas of my life look good enough that will excuse other areas that don't look so great." This can have disastrous results. How has this happened in your life?
4. Read Proverbs 6:6-8. These verses introduce us to a tiny creature the ant. Have you ever taken time to watch an ant at work? We can see in these verses that the ant is self-motivated. Pastor Tom said that "a self-motivated person is wise because they make decisions and choices based on God's truth and wisdom, not on peer pressure...or emotions and impulses". How has this series helped you in making good decisions?
5. Pastor Tom closed with four key areas to take initiative in: making our relationships better, setting the best possible example in our workplace, handling money and our financial resources, and responding to God's nudging in our hearts to spend time with Him and serve Him. What area are you going to work on this week?

PERSONAL GUIDE

Day 1: Read Proverbs 16

Day 2: Read Proverbs 17

Day 3: Read Proverbs 18

Day 4: Read Proverbs 19

Day 5: Read Proverbs 20



MESSAGE NOTES AND DISCUSSION-PERSONAL GUIDES



“Wisdom is More Than Words” **[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]**

MESSAGE NOTES

...so we have a great challenge today in this echo chamber of _____ chatter, how can we discern what is actually true?

Just do it in Proverbs means to be responsible and _____...to take the i_____ in life.

God has an alternative to either us just being victims or daydreamers:

1. Let's Understand the “_____” and “_____” Words **(Lazybones and Sluggard)**

S_____ = “a slow, lazy, inactive person” (Webster's)

Note Proverbs 6:9-11

- A. P_____
- B. Expert _____-maker (*note Proverbs 22:13; 19:24*)
- C. Path of self-d_____ (*note Proverbs 26:13-16*)

2. Do We C_____?

...very few of us think of ourselves as _____...but we can still struggle with “sluggardliness” by compartmentalizing it...

...if enough areas of my life look good enough, that will _____ other areas that don't look so great.

Only one area of life left unattended can have d_____ results.

3. A Big Lesson from a _____ Creature (*note Proverbs 6:6*)

- A. Self-_____ (*Note Proverbs 6:7*) - If we're dependent on political leaders, teachers, or a boss to get us and keep us moving, then we're in _____...a self-motivated person is wise because they make decisions and choices based on God's _____ and wisdom, not on peer pressure...or our own whims, emotions, and impulses.
- B. Planning _____ (*note Proverbs 6:8*) - ...people who do this are wise because they are making decisions based on God's eternal truths and unmatched wisdom, not on immediate g_____.

In a world full of opinions, God's wisdom and truth matter:

Being a *just do it* person means that we'll take initiative in:

- ...making our r_____ better...
- ...setting the best possible example in our w_____...
- ...h_____ money and our financial resources...
- ...responding to God's _____ in our hearts...to spend time with Him...and by serving Him
- Note John 3:16 and Romans 5:6-8
- What is God speaking to you about _____?
- Whatever it is, don't wait, delay, or hesitate.



Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. You can also use the Connect Card to let us know about your commitment, too!



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1. Let's Understand the “L” and “S” Words (*Lazybones and Sluggard*)

Sluggard = “a slow, lazy, inactive person” (Webster's)
Note Proverbs 6:9-11

- A. Procrastinator
- B. Expert excuse-maker (note Proverbs 22:13; 19:24)
- C. Path of self-deception (note Proverbs 26:13-16)

2. Do We Compartmentalize?

...very few of us think of ourselves as lazy...but we can still struggle with “sluggardliness” by compartmentalizing it...

...if enough of areas of my life look good enough that will excuse other areas that don't look so great. Only one area of life left unattended can have disastrous results.

3. A Big Lesson from a Tiny Creature (note Proverbs 6:6)

- A. Self-Motivated (note Proverbs 6:7) – If we're dependent on political leaders, teachers, or a boss to get us and keep us moving, then we're in trouble...a self-motivated person is wise because they make decisions and choices based on God's truth and wisdom, not on peer pressure...or our own whims, emotions, and impulses.
- B. Planning ahead (note Proverbs 6:8) - ...people who do this are wise because they are making decisions based on God's eternal truths and unmatched wisdom, not on immediate gratification.

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