

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“Round 6: Overcoming Laziness”**

### **“Overcomer – Beating Your Enemy to the Punch” – Pt. 6**

Proverbs 6:6-11 & Selected

#### **6 Tragic Characteristics of the Lazy Person:**

**1. He has little or no get up and go.**

*“But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep? When will you wake up?”*

Proverbs 6:9 NLT

**2. He has dreams but an inability to see them become reality.**

*“Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper.”* Proverbs 13:4 NLT

*“The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.”*

Proverbs 21:25

**3. He is a destructive force in the organization.**

*“Lazy people irritate their employers, like vinegar to the teeth or smoke in the eyes.”* Proverbs 10:26 NLT

**4. He sees himself as the smartest person in the room.**

*“Lazy people consider themselves smarter than seven wise counselors.”* Proverbs 26:16 NLT

**5. He allows fear of the unknown to justify his laziness.**

*“The sluggard says, ‘There is a lion outside! I shall be killed in the streets!’”* Proverbs 22:13

**6. He is a wizard at making excuses for his lack of action!**

*“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.”

Proverbs 26:13-14

## I Can Overcome Laziness in My Life...

### **I. By following the command of the Lord.**

*"Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways."* Proverbs 6:6a

### **II. By working diligently with great wisdom.**

*"Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise."*

Proverbs 6:6

### **III. By working responsibly with little supervision.**

*"Without having any chief, officer, or ruler."* Proverbs 6:7

### **IV. By planning my day and working the plan.**

*"She prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest."*

Proverbs 6:8

### **V. By refusing to live an undisciplined life.**

*"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."* Proverbs 6:9-11

*"Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness."* 1 Timothy 4:7 NASB

### **Round 6 Knockout Punch:**

**When the enemy tempts you with laziness, listen to your Cornerman and work a little harder so that your diligence will bring you prosperity!**