

I. Our need for humility (6)

“Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.” **Look, listen learn**

II. Our need for initiative (7-8)

“Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, 8 she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest.” **Preparing for the day that has not arrived yet. Working now for reward later.**

III. Our need for awakening (9)

“How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep?”

IV. Our need for warning (10-11)

“A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, 11 and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.”

**Grace does not nullify the call to diligent labor:**

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.” - 1 Cor. 15:10