

LAZINESS
Selected Proverbs

You might be lazy if...

1. You have trouble starting your work

*I went by the field of the lazy man,
And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding;
And there it was, all overgrown with thorns;
Its surface was covered with nettles; 24:30-31*

2. You have trouble finishing your work

*The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting,
But diligence is man's precious possession. 12:27*

3. You are undisciplined in your sleep

*How long will you slumber, O sluggard?
When will you rise from your sleep?
A little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to sleep—
So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler,
And your need like an armed man. 6:9-11*

4. You are prone to making excuses

*The lazy man says, "There is a lion outside!
I shall be slain in the streets!" 22:13*

5. You are restless with unsatisfied desires

*The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing;
But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich. 13:4*

6. You are wise in your own eyes

*The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes
Than seven men who can answer sensibly. 26:16*

If you're lazy...

1. You will bring harm to yourself

He who has a slack hand becomes poor... 10:4

2. You will bring harm to others

He who is slothful in his work

Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer. 18:9