

Flirting With Disaster Oh Lazy One ~ Pastor Dre

TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

City Group Connect (10-15 min). Spend some time connecting with each other.

- Briefly share how the last week has gone for you.
- Where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others this past week?

Key Points: Lazy People

- 1) Want to do nothing. (Proverbs 19:24)
- 2) Engage in deeds of ancillary importance and disregard those activities, which should challenge their talents. (Proverbs 20:4)

Big Idea of the Message: Laziness isn't always being unwilling to work. Laziness can also be failing to work where it really matters—which breeds sins like lust, greed, and envy.

Application Point: Lazy people can be lazy. Busy people can be lazy. Laziness is a heart problem, not a work problem.

Start Talking.

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- Are we slaves to flirting with disaster?
- How would you define laziness?

Start Thinking.

- Why would people not want to admit they're lazy?
- In what ways could we be lazy and not realize it?
- How could our dreams be bigger than our actions?

Start Sharing.

- Paul's words in 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13. Here, he accuses some in the church of "living in idleness." They don't do "any work." They're slothful! Yet Paul also calls these people "busybodies." How can one be both a busybody and slothful?
- In what areas of life have you been a "busybody"? What can you do to change in these areas?
- What are some safeguards you can use this week?

Start Doing.

- What ways could you avoid laziness this week?
- How will you plan to use your free time this week? How can you plan to enjoy rest but avoid laziness?
- How can we pray for you?

Start Praying. *Lord, help me understand how totally unacceptable it is for me to lose my passion, momentum, and desire. I ask You to forgive me for allowing any hint of slothfulness to operate in my life. Today I repent and deliberately turn from slothfulness. Holy Spirit, I turn to You now and ask You to stir and reignite the fire in my heart. Please help me regain the zeal, the thrust, and the fire I once possessed. Help me to keep that fire burning this time, never to lose it again.*

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