

The background is a dark, textured surface with a fine, repeating dot pattern. Overlaid on this are large, organic, marbled shapes in shades of grey and white, resembling stone or liquid swirls. Numerous translucent, realistic-looking bubbles of various sizes are scattered across the composition, some appearing to float or rise. The overall aesthetic is moody and artistic.

LAZINESS

(SELECTED SCRIPTURES)

○ **GENESIS 2:15 (NASB95)**

- **15** THEN THE LORD GOD TOOK THE MAN AND
PUT HIM INTO THE GARDEN OF EDEN TO
CULTIVATE IT AND KEEP IT.

○ **GENESIS 3:17–19 (NASB95)**

- **17** THEN TO ADAM HE SAID, “BECAUSE YOU HAVE LISTENED TO THE VOICE OF YOUR WIFE, AND HAVE EATEN FROM THE TREE ABOUT WHICH I COMMANDED YOU, SAYING, ‘YOU SHALL NOT EAT FROM IT’; CURSED IS THE GROUND BECAUSE OF YOU; IN TOIL YOU WILL EAT OF IT ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE.
- **18** “BOTH THORNS AND THISTLES IT SHALL GROW FOR YOU; AND YOU WILL EAT THE PLANTS OF THE FIELD;
- **19** BY THE SWEAT OF YOUR FACE YOU WILL EAT BREAD, TILL YOU RETURN TO THE GROUND, BECAUSE FROM IT YOU WERE TAKEN; FOR YOU ARE DUST, AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.”

THREE TYPES OF LAZINESS

1. SPIRITUAL LAZINESS

- **JAMES 1:22 (NASB95)**

- **22** BUT PROVE YOURSELVES DOERS OF THE
WORD, AND NOT MERELY HEARERS WHO
DELUDE THEMSELVES.

- **COLOSSIANS 1:28–29 (NASB95)**
- **28** WE PROCLAIM HIM, ADMONISHING EVERY MAN AND TEACHING EVERY MAN WITH ALL WISDOM, SO THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERY MAN COMPLETE IN CHRIST.
- **29** FOR THIS PURPOSE ALSO I LABOR, STRIVING ACCORDING TO HIS POWER, WHICH MIGHTILY WORKS WITHIN ME.

- **ROMANS 12:10–11 (NASB95)**
- **10** BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER IN BROTHERLY LOVE; GIVE PREFERENCE TO ONE ANOTHER IN HONOR; **11** NOT LAGGING BEHIND IN DILIGENCE, FERVENT IN SPIRIT, SERVING THE LORD

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- 1. SPIRITUAL LAZINESS**
- 2. PHYSICAL LAZINESS**
- 3. DIGITAL LAZINESS**

○ **PROVERBS 6:6–11 (NASB95)**

- **6** GO TO THE ANT, O SLUGGARD, OBSERVE HER WAYS AND BE WISE,
- **7** WHICH, HAVING NO CHIEF, OFFICER OR RULER,
- **8** PREPARES HER FOOD IN THE SUMMER AND GATHERS HER PROVISION IN THE HARVEST.
- **9** HOW LONG WILL YOU LIE DOWN, O SLUGGARD? WHEN WILL YOU ARISE FROM YOUR SLEEP?
- **10** “A LITTLE SLEEP, A LITTLE SLUMBER, A LITTLE FOLDING OF THE HANDS TO REST” —
- **11** YOUR POVERTY WILL COME IN LIKE A VAGABOND AND YOUR NEED LIKE AN ARMED MAN.

- **2 THESSALONIANS 3:10 (NASB95)**

- **10** FOR EVEN WHEN WE WERE WITH YOU,
WE USED TO GIVE YOU THIS ORDER: IF
ANYONE IS NOT WILLING TO WORK, THEN
HE IS NOT TO EAT, EITHER.

○ **PROVERBS 13:4 (NASB95)**

- **4 THE SOUL OF THE SLUGGARD CRAVES AND GETS NOTHING, BUT THE SOUL OF THE DILIGENT IS MADE FAT.**

○ **ECCLESIASTES 9:10 (NASB95)**

- **10** WHATEVER YOUR HAND FINDS TO DO, DO IT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT; FOR THERE IS NO ACTIVITY OR PLANNING OR KNOWLEDGE OR WISDOM IN SHEOL WHERE YOU ARE GOING.

○ **COLOSSIANS 3:23 (NASB95)**

- **23** WHATEVER YOU DO, DO YOUR WORK
HEARTILY, AS FOR THE LORD RATHER
THAN FOR MEN,

- **EPHESIANS 5:15–16 (NASB95)**
- **15** THEREFORE BE CAREFUL HOW YOU WALK,
NOT AS UNWISE MEN BUT AS WISE, **16**
MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TIME, BECAUSE
THE DAYS ARE EVIL.

GEORGE WHITFIELD

○ A TRUE FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST WILL NOT SUFFER US TO BE IDLE. NO, IT IS AN ACTIVE, LIVELY, RESTLESS PRINCIPLE; IT FILLS THE HEART, SO THAT IT CANNOT BE EASY TILL IT IS DOING SOMETHING FOR JESUS CHRIST.

- ELLIOT RITZEMA AND ELIZABETH VINCE, EDS., [300 QUOTATIONS FOR PREACHERS FROM THE MODERN CHURCH](#), PASTORUM SERIES (BELLINGHAM, WA: LEXHAM PRESS, 2013).

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PHILIPPIANS 2:12–13 (NASB95)

- **12** SO THEN, MY BELOVED, JUST AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED, NOT AS IN MY PRESENCE ONLY, BUT NOW MUCH MORE IN MY ABSENCE, WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING;
- **13** FOR IT IS GOD WHO IS AT WORK IN YOU, BOTH TO WILL AND TO WORK FOR HIS GOOD PLEASURE.

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1. DEPEND ON GOD TO CHANGE THROUGH PRAYER.
2. FIGHT LAZINESS.
3. BE PRACTICAL
 - JUST DO IT
 - SET ALARMS
 - GET A CALENDAR
 - CREATE A SCHEDULE
 - CUT OUT YOUR RIGHT HAND.
 - FILL YOUR MIND WITH GODLY THINGS