

Series: Rising Above

Title: "Rising Above Laziness"

Text: Proverbs 6:6-11



Practical Ways to Rise Above Laziness

1. **Recognize Laziness as a _____ to God's Purpose**
 - Laziness hinders fulfilling God's plan.
 - **Proverbs 6:6-11** "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?"
2. **Understand the Root _____ of Laziness**
 - Underlying reasons for laziness might be fear or lack of motivation.
 - **Proverbs 22:13** "The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets."
3. **Embrace a _____ Perspective on Work and Diligence**
 - The Scripture places value on hard work!
 - **Colossians 3:23-24** "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."
 - **Ecclesiastes 9:10** "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."
4. **Develop a God-Centered _____**
 - Set goals aligned with God's will.
 - **Proverbs 16:3** "Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established."
5. **Implement Practical _____ to Overcome Laziness**
 - Go to sleep and wake up at a proper time, put away things that encourage laziness, get outside, etc
 - **Proverbs 13:4** "The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat."
6. **Cultivate a Spirit of Perseverance and _____**
 - **Galatians 6:9** "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."
 - **1 Thessalonians 5:18** "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."