



Woe to You Forgetful Sluggard

Discussion Group Leader Handout

Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:10

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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.

Questions

1. Do not forget the given command (supporting verses at end of doc)

- i. Why do we as Christians struggle with remembering and applying what we have been taught?
- ii. What do you struggle with remembering and applying to your life?
 - i. What do you need to shore up in your life to help you better remember the truths of God's Word?
- iii. How can you resolve to find yourself applying taught truths to your everyday life?
 - i. What verses do you treasure to help you combat this sluggard mentality?

2. Do not be a sluggard

- i. How do sluggards in the body of Christ affect everyone else?
- ii. What implications are there if majority of your local body of believers are lazy, idle sluggards?

- iii. What principles can you take from this verse and apply to other areas of your life?
- iv. Where do you see areas of sluggard mentality in your own heart?
 - i. What areas do you see in your own heart that are dangerous areas of falling into this sinful state?
 - ii. What are ways that you combat those areas of sin in your life?

Prayer Requests

- *Pray for the leaders of ABC to be faithful shepherds and teachers of the Word, holding fast to the foundation of what God commands.*
- *Pray for congregation of ABC to be actively engaged in the teaching of God's Word whether from the pulpit, through conversation, or any other avenue that would admonish them to obedience to Gods Word, so that they would not find themselves as sluggards, whether physically or spiritually.*

Supporting verse references

1 Thessalonians 4:11–12 (NASB95)

11 *and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you,*

12 *so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need.*

1 Thessalonians 5:12 (NASB95)

12 *But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction,*

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NASB95)

14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

2 Thessalonians 3:8 (NASB95)

8 nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you;

Proverbs 6:6 (NASB95)

6 Go to the ant, O sluggard,
Observe her ways and be wise,

Proverbs 6:9 (NASB95)

9 How long will you lie down, O sluggard?
When will you arise from your sleep?

Proverbs 10:26 (NASB95)

26 Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes,
So is the lazy one to those who send him.

Proverbs 12:27 (NASB95)

27 A lazy man does not roast his prey,
But the precious possession of a man is diligence.

Proverbs 13:4 (NASB95)

4 The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing,
But the soul of the diligent is made fat.

Proverbs 15:19 (NASB95)

19 The way of the lazy is as a hedge of thorns,
But the path of the upright is a highway.

Proverbs 19:15 (NASB95)

15 Laziness casts into a deep sleep,
And an idle man will suffer hunger.

Proverbs 19:24 (NASB95)

24 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish,
But will not even bring it back to his mouth.

Proverbs 20:4 (NASB95)

4 *The sluggard does not plow after the autumn,
So he begs during the harvest and has nothing.*

Proverbs 21:25 (NASB95)

25 *The desire of the sluggard puts him to death,
For his hands refuse to work;*

Proverbs 24:30 (NASB95)

30 *I passed by the field of the sluggard
And by the vineyard of the man lacking sense,*

Proverbs 26:14-16 (NASB95)

14 *As the door turns on its hinges,
So does the sluggard on his bed.*

15 *The sluggard buries his hand in the dish;
He is weary of bringing it to his mouth again.*

16 *The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes
Than seven men who can give a discreet answer.*