### June Bible Study Series: Wise Up!

(Lessons from the book of Proverbs)

#### "Tomorrow is always the working sluggard's working day; today is his holiday."

#### Lesson Four Slug That Sluggard! (Lessons from the book of Proverbs)

# Neglect and laziness kill the best things in life.

#### A sluggard is a person habitually lazy, idle, and inactive; a drone.

# Eight Characteristics of a Sluggard:

#### 1. The Sluggard Will Not Start Things. Proverbs 14:23

#### 2. The Sluggard Will Not Finish Things. Proverbs 12:27

#### 3. The Sluggard Will Not Face Things. Proverbs 22:13

#### 4. The Sluggard is Anxious and Restless. Proverbs 13:4

#### 5. The Sluggard Has Constant Trouble. Proverbs 15:19

#### 6. The Sluggard is Annoying and Useless. Proverbs 10:26

#### 7. The Sluggard Is Self-Deceived. Proverbs 26:16

#### 8.The Sluggard Will Not Become a Leader. Proverbs 12:24

Six Consequences of a Sluggard:

#### 1. Poverty, Lack and Inability to Take Care of Oneself and the Family. Proverbs 10:4-5

#### 2. Laziness Can Cause Us to Lose Our Jobs Proverbs 10:26

#### 3. A False Sense of Entitlement and Always Looking Up to Others for Rescue.

### 4. One Who is Idle and Lazy is a Hindrance to the Gospel.

5. It Is Potential for Sin.

6. An Idle and Lazy Person will Invariably become a Gossip, Tale-Bearer and Busy Body in Affairs that do not Concern them.

#### **Three Cures For Slothfulness:**

1. Realize that "Laziness" is Real and it's trying to Get You!

#### 2. Create "Systems" In Your Life to Assist You in Your Goal at Being Lazy No More.

#### 3. Memorize Scripture to Motivate You on How to Stop Being Lazy.

**Proverbs 6:6-11, Go to the ant, you** sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, which, having no captain, overseer, or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest. 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."

#### Prepare For a Rainy Day. Proverbs 21:20

Whether it be on the job or in the home, we must learn to do what is more important before we do what is most enjoyable.

#### **Bible Study Follow Up Chat Questions:**

- 1. Have people ever asked you to do something for them that they could have done for themselves?
- 2. When someone is being lazy around you how do you feel? What do you think? What do you do?
- 3. How can you keep from being a sluggard?
- 4. What is by far the toughest part of a workout routine?
- 5. What does it take to be productive? Here are four questions to consider: What do I need to begin? Where do I need to stay focused? What do I need to complete? When do I need to rest?

6. What was the time when you worked the hardest in your life? What was the situation and circumstances that brought that about? 7. What elements of the sluggard do you see in your own life? 8. In what area of your life do you rely on others to tell you what to do?

9. Identify one practical way that you will respond to this bible study lesson.