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SLOTHFULNESS
Mt 25:~~25~~24-28 pg 34 14-30

I. What causes slothfulness?
1. Fear: (a) Prov 22:13
The slothful man saith, there is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.
(b) Mt 25:25
And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth; lo, there thou hast that is thine.

2. Weariness:
(a) Prov 26:15
The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.
(b) Prov 19:24
A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

3. Conceit:
(a) Prov 26:16
The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.
(b) Prov 3:7
Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

4. Winter:
(a) Prov 20:4 pg 64 (Pro 10:4, 13:4)
The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

5. Love of sleep:
(a) Prov 19:15 Prov 26:14 as the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.
Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.
(b) Prov 20:13
Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

6. Refusing to work:
(a) Prov 21:25 ~~(Romans 12:11)~~ ~~The slothful is [illegible] fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.~~
The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.

II. In what can we be slothful?
1. Knowledge:
(a) Mt 25:~~25~~24-28 Studying
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2. Believing:
(a) Luke 24:25-26 "slow to believe the ~~pk~~ prophets" - "Hard times" - trust in God.
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3. Obedience:
(a) Heb 2:~~2-3~~1-4 pg 244 disobey - punishment
Turn to
(b) Rom 5:19
For as by one man's disobedinnce many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

4. Giving:
(a) Prov 21:25-26 (II Cor 9:6-7) pg 207
The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.
He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not.

5. Work:
(a) Eccl 10:18
By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.
(b) Matt 7:24-27 pg 9-10
House built on rock -
" " " Sand

In what Can We Be Slothful?

(c) II Chron 15:7
Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

6. Praying:
(a) Ps 77:2
In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted.
(b) Jn 9:31
Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

striving to do better
7. Business:
(a) Rom 12:11
Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

8. Going: (not going)
Luke 2:49 - "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"
(a) Joshua 18:3
And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, how long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you?
Prov. 15:19 The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.
(b) Judges 18:9
And they said, arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: and are ye still? be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land.

III. What are the results? of Slothfulness?

1. Poverty:
Storing up treasures in Heaven.
(a) Prov 10:4
He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
(b) II Cor 8:9
Christ came from heaven
For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

2. Shame:
Work while you can, because the time will come when you will not be able to work.
(a) Prov 10:5
He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.
(b) Acts 5:41 Peter and other apostles. BEATEN
And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

3. Loss:
Servant cast out.
Loose the right to the tree of life.
(a) Mt 25:24-28 p 34 - "Talent"
Turn to
(b) Rev 22:14
Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

4. Decay:
Letting the building decay through lack of maintence,
(a) Eccl 10:18 Repeat
By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

5. Disappointment:
Disappointment in heaven when it is said "depart from me I never knew you."
(a) Prov 13:4
The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the dilegent shall be made fat.
(b) Prov 20:4 Repeating
Work in the cold smug pots →
The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

6. Become busybodies:
(a) I Tim 5:13 (II Thess 3:6) "withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly," in part
And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things that
(II Thess 3:11) for we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

things which they ought not.

like the unbearing branch is cast into the fire -

7. Cast out
   (a) Mt 25:30
   And cast ye out the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

IV. How can ~~it~~ SLOTHFULNESS be avoided?
   1. By adding Christian graces:
      (a) II Pet 1:5-~~8~~10
      Turn to Pg 262 (~~Pg 241~~)
   2. By becoming wise: SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES
      (a) Prov 6:6
      Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:
   3. By actions and looks:
      (a) Tit 2:11-14
      Turn to Pg 241-2 (12)
   4. By diligence:
      (a) Heb 6:11-12
      And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

ever see an ant that was idle.

Full assurance of HOPE unto THE END.

giving all
1- Diligence
2- virtue
3- knowledge
4- temperance
5- patience
6- [redacted]dliness
7- [redacted]otherly kindness
8- Charity (love)

II Pet 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.