

**"The Christian Work Ethic: The Sluggard" (Part 1)**  
**Proverbs 24:30-34**

*"A slothful man may be a very busy man. He is a man who goes through the motions, who flies on automatic pilot. Like a man with a bad head cold, he has mostly lost his sense of taste and smell . . . people come and go, but through glazed eyes he hardly notices them. He is letting things run their course. He is getting through his life. He loves what makes him comfortable, not what makes him like Christ."*

- Observations from Proverbs 24:30-34:
  - The slothful man lacks wisdom, that is, he thinks unbiblically.
  - We are to meditate on the consequences of being slothful.
  - Slothfulness is a "patient and silent" assassin.
  - Slothfulness and hard work are self-evident.
- 3 Categories of Slothfulness: *"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart (spiritual) and with all your soul (emotions) and with all your mind and with all your strength (physical)." (Mark 12:30)*
  - **Spiritual Slothfulness:** *"Do not be slothful in zeal (passion), be fervent in spirit (to persevere), serve the Lord (make it about Him)." (Romans 12:11)*
    - *"Slothfulness in Christianity not only prevents us from glorifying God but it also allows evil to prosper in our lives. For the weeds of slothfulness to prosper the gardener only needs to leave the garden alone."*
  - **Emotional Slothfulness:** *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* (Phillipians 4:6-7)
  - **Physical Slothfulness:** *"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3:23-24)*
- Slothfulness or Sluggardness 101:
  - *"The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor. All day long he craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back." (Proverbs 21:25-26)*
  - *"The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can answer sensibly." (Proverbs 26:16)*
  - *"A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame." (Proverbs 10:4-5)*
  - *"The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied." (Proverbs 13:4-5)*
  - *"Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those who send him." (Proverbs 10:26)*
  - *"The way of a sluggard is like a hedge of thorns, but the path of the upright is a level highway." (Proverbs 15:19)*

### **Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of September, we partnered with Heartbeats to collect items to help stock their on-site Boutique. ***TODAY is the LAST day for this collection!***

★**CHURCH GAME NIGHT:** Our Monthly Church Game Night is TONIGHT, at Andy's house (1062 National Road SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. Please bring your favorite board and/or card games to play. Dinner will not be provided, so please make sure to bring a food item of some sort to share with everyone!

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, October 5th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign-up to bring something for the meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.

★**COMMUNION:** We will be partaking of and celebrating Communion together as a church body NEXT Sunday, October 5th.

★**BAPTISM SERVICE:** Our next Baptism Service will be on Sunday, October 12th. If you are interested in being baptized or having any questions about baptisms, please see Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Zach, Elder Richard, Elder Jake, or Elder Mike.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Sunday, October 12th, from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full time of prayer.

★**HARVEST PARTY/CHILI COOK-OFF:** Mark your calendars and plan on attending our upcoming Harvest Party on Saturday, October 18th, starting at 5pm, here at the church! This will be an evening of fun for the whole family! There will be games and activities for the kids and a Chili Cook-Off for the adults!

★ ★ **CANDY COLLECTION:** We are doing a candy collection to help supply candy for this event. Please bring in individually wrapped, snack-sized bags of candy and put the candy in the tote at the back of the sanctuary.

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Children's Ministry is in need of ***FOUR*** volunteers! If you are a Church Member and are interested in or have questions about serving in the Children's Ministry, please see Katie Sapp.

★**MEMBERS' MEETING:** We will be having a Members' Meeting on Sunday, October 26th, immediately following the worship service. At this meeting we will have a time of discussion for the proposed By-Law addition, as well as presenting the 2026 Church Budget. We will not be voting at this meeting, voting on these items will take place at the November Members' Meeting. This is an important meeting, if you are a Church Member, we encourage you to please mark your calendars and plan on attending this meeting. This is an open meeting, meaning that even if you are not a Church Member, you are allowed to sit in as an observer for the meeting.