

PEARLS OF WISDOM SELECT PROVERBS



humour may open the door for truth's easy access

Proverbs 19:24 *A sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he will not even bring it back to his mouth!*

Proverbs 26:14 *As a door turns on its hinges, so a sluggard turns on his bed.*

Proverbs 22:13 *The sluggard says, "There's a lion outside! I'll be killed in the public square!"*

1) The Anatomy of an Un-productive Person

SLOW TO START

Proverbs 20:4 *Sluggards do not plow in season; so at harvest time they look but find nothing.*

Proverbs 6:6-8 *Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.*

EASILY DISTRACTED

Proverbs 28:19 *Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty.*

Proverbs 6:9-10 *How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest.*

DOESN'T FINISH

Proverbs 12:27 *The lazy do not roast any game, but the diligent feed on the riches of the hunt.*

NEVER TRULY RESTS

Proverbs 13:4 *A sluggard's appetite is never filled, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.*

2) The Motive of a Hard-Working Person

Proverbs 27:10 *I went past the field of a sluggard, past the vineyard of someone who has no sense; thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins.*

Proverbs 21:25-26 *The craving of a sluggard will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work. All day long he craves for more, but the righteous give without sparing.*

Ephesians 4:28 *Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, so that they may have something to share with those in need.*

3) The Joy of a Christ-like Person

EARLY START

Luke 2:49 *Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?*

UNDISTRACTED

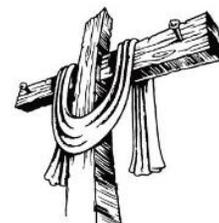
Luke 9:51 *He set his face towards Jerusalem (with the tough durability of a "flint" - Isaiah 50:7)*

DOES FINISH

John 19:30 *Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

TRULY RESTS

Hebrews 10:12 *when this [Christ] had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.*



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