



Part 2: Insect Integrity
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A General Introduction to the “Slug of Scripture”

As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is a sluggard to those who send him. – *Proverbs 10:26*

Translation: The sluggard is a sour irritant to the working world.

The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.– *Proverbs 13:4*

Translation: The sluggard wants everything but does nothing.

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

Translation: The sluggard specializes in half finished projects.

The sluggard’s craving will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work.
– *Proverbs 21:25*

Translation: It’s not that the sluggard cannot work, it’s that he will not work.

The sluggard says, “There is a lion outside!” or, “I will be murdered in the streets!”
– *Proverbs 22:13*

Translation: The sluggard is full of excuses.

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

Translation: The sluggard moves a lot but accomplishes nothing because he is anchored in place.

The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer discreetly.
– *Proverbs 26:16*

Translation: The sluggard thinks he is an expert on everything.

The Bible’s Clear Message

Don’t be that guy!

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The Bible's Clear Message to "That Guy"

⁶Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!

⁷It has no commander, no overseer or ruler,

⁸yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

⁹How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep?

¹⁰A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest-

¹¹and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.

– Proverbs 6:6-11

The Sweat Equity of Ants

1. Ants show incredible initiative
2. Ants know their role and do their job
3. Ants are dedicated to a solitary mission
4. Ants work in community for the sake of the colony
5. Ants carry more than their own weight
6. Ants work while they can so they can rest later

The Sweat Equity of Integrity

1. Did I do what I said I would do?
2. Did I do it when I said it would be done?
3. Will I stand behind it now that it is finished?

Next Steps

Find an ant hill and just watch it for a while. What did you learn?

Small Group Discussion Questions



1. What do you love about your current job? What is one aspect of your job that you would like to change?
2. Which of the sluggard proverbs do you most identify with? Why?
3. Read the verses in Proverbs 6 once again. What do you think God is saying in verses 10 and 11?
4. Why do you think God has such a problem with laziness and sloth? Where is the line between rest and laziness?
5. Can you add any personal lessons from the ant hill?
6. How can we pray for you tonight?