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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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## **Laziness**

"An idle man's brain is the devil's workshop." – John Bunyan

"I've heard that hard work never killed anyone, but I say why take the chance?" – Ronald Reagan

"Inspiration is a guest that does not willingly visit the lazy." – Pyotr Ilvich Tchaikovsky

"We often miss opportunity because it's dressed in overalls and looks like work." – Thomas A. Edison

"Progress isn't made by early risers. It's made by lazy men trying to find easier ways to do something." – Robert A. Heinlein

Some folks just seem to be lazy. They have no drive or ambition and want everything handed to them on a gold platter.

It is amazing how many steps men have taken so that everything can be done easier and better with the least amount of labor. We have robots in our factories. We have machines all programmed to do repetitive actions. Many of the jobs that men used to do are now automated. We call it progress. Others, however, might view it as laziness.

We also, though, have individuals who would much rather stay in bed and lay around. Don't think this is something that has come about in the last couple of centuries. The Bible has much to say about lazy folks.

"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" (Prov. 6:6-11).

"The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich" (Prov. 13:4). "A lazy man buries his hand in the bowl, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again" (Prov. 19:24).

And let us not forget the words of the Master: "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work" (John 9:4). Even our Lord was industrious.

Our rest will come, but that will not be realized until after we have died. "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God" (Heb. 4:9).

While we live, we have work to do. "...Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest" (John 4:35)!