

Sloth & Slothfulness

5539 sluggard / slothfulness

Someone characterised by a settled attitude of slothfulness and idleness. Such people are consistently condemned throughout Scripture. Sluggards are characterised by slothfulness and idleness.

They are lazy and refuse to work Pr 6:6-8 See also Pr 12:27; 15:19; 19:24; 20:4; 21:25; 24:30-31; 26:15

They love to stay in bed when they should be up and active Pr 6:9 See also Pr 26:14

They make excuses to avoid work Pr 22:13 See also Pr 26:13

Their desires are not met Pr 13:4 See also Pr 20:4; 21:25-26

Their laziness leads to poverty Pr 6:10-11 See also Pr 10:4-5; 12:24; 18:9; 19:15; 20:13; 24:33-34; Ecc 4:5; 10:18

Their attitude is irritating to others Pr 10:26

They are conceited Pr 26:16

Sluggards condemned throughout Scripture

In the book of Proverbs Pr 10:4 See also Pr 6:6-11; 12:11,24,27; 13:4; 14:23; 18:9; 28:19

By Jesus Christ Mt 20:3,6; 25:24-30

In the epistles 1Th 5:14 See also 2Th 3:6,10-11; 1Ti 5:13; Tit 1:12; 3:14; Heb 6:12

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Idleness and Sloth

1. Forbidden. Ro 12:11; Heb 6:12.
2. Produce apathy. Pr 12:27; 26:15.
3. Akin to extravagance. Pr 18:9.
4. Accompanied by conceit. Pr 26:16.
5. Lead to
 - a. Poverty. Pr 10:4; 20:13.
 - b. Want. Pr 20:4; 24:34.
 - c. Hunger. Pr 19:15; 20:13.
 - d. Bondage. Pr 12:24.
 - e. Disappointment. Pr 13:4; 21:25.
 - f. Ruin. Pr 24:30, 31; Ec 10:18.
 - g. Tattling and meddling. 1 Ti 5:13.
6. Effects of. Pr 24:30–32.
7. Remonstrance against. Pr 6:6, 9.
8. False excuses for. Pr 20:4; 22:13.
9. Illustrated. Pr 26:14; Mt 25:18, 26.

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sloth noun

1 disinclination to action or labor <a bland sloth-provoking summer day> synonyms idleness, indolence, laze, laziness, slothfulness, slouch, sluggishness

related words ergophobia, faineancy, idling, lazing, loafing; apathy, heaviness, languidness, languor, lassitude, lethargy, listlessness, torpidity; shiftlessness

contrasted words assiduity, assiduousness, busyness, diligence, sedulity, sedulousness.

Merriam-Webster, (1996).