**Connecting with Your Work**

Proverbs 6:6-11

**Proverbs 6:6 (ESV)**Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.

**Proverbs 6:7 (ESV)**Without having any chief, officer, or ruler,

**Proverbs 6:8 (ESV)**she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest.

**Proverbs 6:9 (ESV)**How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep?

**Proverbs 6:10 (ESV)**A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest,

**Proverbs 6:11 (ESV)**and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.

**Genesis 2:15 (ESV)**The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

***What should characterize a Christian’s work?***

1. ***Initiative***

**Proverbs 6:6 (ESV)**Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.

**Proverbs 30:24 (ESV)**Four things on earth are small, but they are exceedingly wise:

**Proverbs 30:25 (ESV)**the ants are a people not strong, yet they provide their food in the summer;

**Proverbs 30:26 (ESV)**the rock badgers are a people not mighty, yet they make their homes in the cliffs;

**Proverbs 30:27 (ESV)**the locusts have no king, yet all of them march in rank;

**Proverbs 30:28 (ESV)**the lizard you can take in your hands, yet it is in kings’ palaces.

**Colossians 3:23 (ESV)**Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

**Colossians 3:24 (ESV)**knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

1. ***Quality***

**Proverbs 6:7 (ESV)**Without having any chief, officer, or ruler,

**Proverbs 6:8 (ESV)**she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest.

1. ***Energy***

**Proverbs 6:9 (ESV)**How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep?

**Proverbs 26:13 (ESV)**The sluggard says, “There is a lion in the road! There is a lion in the streets!”

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

**Proverbs 26:15 (ESV)**The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; it wears him out to bring it back to his mouth.

**Proverbs 26:16 (ESV)**The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can answer sensibly.

1. ***Satisfaction***

**Proverbs 6:10 (ESV)**A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest,

**Proverbs 6:11 (ESV)**and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.

**Proverbs 13:4 (ESV)**The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.

**Ephesians 2:8 (ESV)**For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

**Ephesians 2:9 (ESV)**not a result of works, so that no one may boast.