

**“NOT SLOTHFUL IN BUSINESS” (Romans 12:11)**

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“Slothful” - sluggish; not easily aroused to action or work; disliking or avoiding work; slow-moving; not functioning with normal vigor.

**THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON CONCERNING “SLOTH”**

1. (Prov. 19:15) “Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep ... “ (Prov. 6:9-11) “...When will you arise out of thy sleep? ... “ Dreams come true when a person is awake.
2. **The slothful is a wishful thinker:** (Prov. 13:4) (Prov. 24:30-34)  
The lazy will permit property to ruin because he is “void of understanding.”
3. **The slothful person is irritating to others:** (Prov. 10:26)
4. **The slothful have a life full of troubles:** (Prov. 15:19) “The way of the slothful is as a hedge of thorns ... “ The consequences of being slothful hurts.
5. **The slothful will waste that which is given to him:** (Prov. 18:9)
6. **The slothful, in many cases, are careless, indifferent, and not teachable:** (Prov. 6:6-9)  
He may learn a lot about ants; however, it is not taken to heart nor put into practice.
7. **The slothful won’t even cook what he’s caught:** (Prov. 12:27) “The slothful man roasts not that which he took in hunting ... “
8. **The slothful man is self-destructive:** (Prov. 21:25) “The desire of the slothful kills him; for his hands refuse to labor.”
9. **The slothful man comes up with ridiculous excuses for not working:**  
(Prov. 20:4) “The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold ... “  
(Prov. 22:13; Prov. 26:13) “There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.”
10. **The slothful is too lazy to feed himself a second helping:** (Prov. 19:24; Prov. 26:15)
11. **The slothful man is conceited, causing him to act foolishly and disregard counsel:** (Pr. 26:16)  
“The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason.”
12. **The slothful man makes a lot of noise or motion, yet goes nowhere:** (Prov. 26:14)
13. **The slothful man will always be a servant of others:** (Prov. 12:24)  
It’s possible for the slothful man to lose the opportunity to become independent.
14. **Slothfulness contributes to our spiritual demise:**  
(Matt. 25-26) “ ... Thou wicked and slothful servant ... “  
(v30) “And cast ye the unprofitable servant ... “

**A WORKING PRESCRIPTION:** learn to work and go to work.