

LAZINESS IS A SIN

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(Matthew 25:14-30)

Most people believe that laziness is a behavior and not a sin. This statement is partially true. Laziness is a behavior. However, it is also a sin. The definition of sin is "*missing the mark.*"

When you are lazy you **CANNOT** achieve goals. When you are lazy you **CANNOT** fulfill your purpose. When you are lazy you will be a slave to other people.

Being lazy will always cause you to receive the **SHORT** end of the stick. A lazy person will give you the **IMPRESSION** that they are going to do something while failing to produce results. God despises lazy people. Laziness is the sin that steals your destiny and destroys your purpose.

LAZINESS IS NEVER REWARDED. IT IS ONLY PUNISHED.

LAZY PEOPLE WILL BECOME SLAVES

(Proverbs 12:24)

Every sin has a consequence. When an individual decides to be lazy they will become slaves to an institution, a person, a facility or an environment. Here are some examples to help you understand what this means.

If you are too lazy to attend school and pursue higher education you will most likely become a **SLAVE** to a minimum wage job or the welfare system. If you are too lazy to work hard and build a sustainable lifestyle for yourself you will be **DEPENDENT** on someone else providing and taking care of you.

If you are too lazy to exercise and take care of your health you may become **DEPENDENT** on relying on medication

and hospital machines to keep you alive. If you are too lazy to start a business you will become a **SLAVE** to someone else's decisions.

LAZY PEOPLE WILL NEVER PROSPER!

GOD HATES LAZINESS

(Matthew 25:14-30)

In Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus explains the Kingdom of God through this powerful parable. A master was leaving his environment for a while and while he was gone he entrusted three servants to care for his things in his absence. He gave one servant five bags of gold.

He gave the second servant two bags of gold. He gave the third servant one bag of gold. The servant who received five bags of gold earned five **MORE** bags of gold. **HE WAS PRODUCTIVE.**

The servant who received two bags of gold earned two **MORE** bags of gold. **HE WAS PRODUCTIVE**. However, the servant who received one bag of gold went out and dug a hole in the ground to hide the master's money. This servant was **NOT** productive!

He was **TOO LAZY TO MULTIPLY** what he had. When the master came back to see what his servants had done with the things he had entrusted them with he was angry and disappointed that the servant who had one bag of gold **DID NOT** multiply what he had.

In Matthew 25:26 the master called him a **WICKED** and **LAZY** servant. The master was disgusted with this **LAZY** servant. He wanted him to be thrown into the darkness where people will cry and grind their teeth with pain according to Matthew 25:30.

GOD DOES NOT REWARD LAZINESS! God does not celebrate laziness. God does not ignore laziness. **GOD JUDGES LAZINESS!**

BEING LAZY ROBBS GOD OF HIS GLORY

HOW?

Isaiah 43:7 says, "*We were made for His glory.*" The **SIN OF LAZINESS** prevents you from obeying God's Word. A lazy person will have the knowledge to obey God while lacking the motivation.

They will have the passion to obey God while lacking the energy. Lazy people rob God of His glory because they lack the integrity to **MOVE** on their knowledge. Here are five ways to identify a lazy person.

- A lazy person starts something yet never finishes it.
- A lazy person will not multiply what they have. They will keep what they have.
- A lazy person will settle for less when more is available.

- A lazy person will say what they want to do yet expect other people to do it for them.
- A lazy person will see something deteriorate and let it deteriorate. They have no ambition, drive or passion to change it.

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