

**What does Proverbs
teach us about...**

**What does Proverbs
teach us about...
...Work & Rest?**

**What does Proverbs
teach us about...
...our use of Time?**

Proverbs teaches us the contrast between **Productive & Slothful**

The Sluggard

26:13 A sluggard says, 'There's a lion in the road,
a fierce lion roaming the streets!'

14 As a door turns on its hinges,
so a sluggard turns on his bed.

15 A sluggard buries his hand in the dish;
he is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth.

16 A sluggard is wiser in his own eyes
than seven people who answer discreetly.

Proverbs teaches us the contrast between
Productive & Slothful

The Sluggard

19:15 Laziness brings on deep sleep

20:4 Sluggards do not plough in season;
so at harvest time they look but find nothing.

Proverbs teaches us ...
Lessons for Daily Living

Beware 'get rich quick'

23:4 Do not wear yourself out to get rich;
do not trust your own cleverness.

5 Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone,
for they will surely sprout wings
and fly off to the sky like an eagle.

12:11 Those who work their land will have
abundant food,
but those who chase fantasies have no sense.

Proverbs teaches us ...
Lessons for Daily Living

Rather, commit our way to the Lord

16:3 Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.

9 In their hearts humans plan their course,
but the Lord establishes their steps.

21:5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit
as surely as haste leads to poverty.

10:22 The blessing of the Lord brings wealth,
without painful toil for it.

Proverbs teaches us ...
Lessons for Daily Living

The *point* of labour is *provision* in time of need

24:30 I went past the field of a sluggard,
past the vineyard of someone who has no sense;

31 thorns had come up everywhere,
the ground was covered with weeds,
and the stone wall was in ruins.

32 I applied my heart to what I observed
and learned a lesson from what I saw:

33 a little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest –

34 and poverty will come on you like a thief
and scarcity like an armed man.

Proverbs teaches us ...
Lessons for Daily Living

The *point* of labour is *provision* in time of need

27:23 Be sure you know the condition of your flocks,
give careful attention to your herds;

24 for riches do not endure for ever,
and a crown is not secure for all generations.

25 When the hay is removed and new growth appears
and the grass from the hills is gathered in,

26 the lambs will provide you with clothing,
and the goats with the price of a field.

27 You will have plenty of goats' milk to feed your family
and to nourish your female servants..

Proverbs teaches us ...
Priorities!

Labour at gaining wisdom

17:16 Of what use is money in the hand of a fool, since he has no desire to get wisdom?

19:8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul

15:9 The Lord detests the way of the wicked, but he loves those who pursue righteousness

Proverbs teaches us ...

Priorities!

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3:13 Blessed are those who find wisdom,
those who gain understanding,

14 for she is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.

15 She is more precious than rubies;
nothing you desire can compare with her.

16 Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.

17 Her ways are pleasant ways,
and all her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her;
those who hold her fast will be blessed.

Proverbs teaches us ...
Learn from God himself

In Creation

Proverbs 8:22-31

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In Redemption

Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs teaches us ...
Learn from God himself

Jesus' work is finished

Hebrews 10 11:14

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. 14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect for ever those who are being made holy.