

– Proverbs 12.27 –
Words to Teens 6
Diligence

Prov 12.27 The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, but diligence is man's precious possession.

* **Judging** by the qualities we dream we had, what would make the most difference in our lives? .

* **Per** Solomon, what would make the most difference?

* **What** does "precious possession" mean?

* **Why** does Solomon's testimony carry extra weight?

* **What** does Solomon name as man's priceless treasure, and why don't we dream about having it?

* **Diligence** is the great _____ for the gifts, talents, and abilities God has given us, and the great _____ for those we lack.

* **Had** sin never entered the world, we would not all be equally _____ or _____ or good _____; people would still be as _____ as they are now, indeed more so, for the _____ pool would not have been whittled down thru the effects of sin and the curse. But one thing you would find across the board is _____, for it is not just a matter of per-

sonality or approach; it's a _____ quality thru which our gifts and abilities are amplified and broadcast, thus making us valuable to others. Laziness is a moral _____ that withers our gifts and abilities, keeping them bottled up, unrealized, and of no _____ to us or anyone else.

Prov 18.9 He who is slothful in his work is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.

* **A thief** can break into your house and steal your stuff, or you you can lose it all yourself thru _____.

A hacker can destroy your business overnight, or you can destroy it yourself thru _____.

A slanderer can destroy a relationship, or you can destroy it yourself thru _____.

* **A biblically** diligent person is like the _____.

Prov 6:6 Go to the ant, O sluggard; Consider her ways and be wise. 7 Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, 8 she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in the harvest.

* **Like the** ant, a biblically diligent person:

- Is motivated from _____.
- Works happily under _____, but it is only needed for organizational purposes, not for _____ or standards.
- Is busy with _____ & _____.
- Works not only for its own _____, but also for those of _____.
- Is not _____.
- Is not _____.
- Is not _____lious.
- Is not _____sighted.

- Is not _____.
- Is not a _____.
- Is not hard to _____ with or get _____ with.

* **A lazy** person is like the _____.

Prov 6.9 How long will you lie there, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep? 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, 11 and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.

* **A lazy** person:

- Will always trend toward _____erty (Pr 6.11).

- Is _____.

Prov 26.16 The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can answer sensibly.

- Is _____ous and _____y.

Prov 21.25 The desire of the lazy man kills him, For his hands refuse to labor. 26 He covets greedily all day long, But the righteous gives and does not spare.

- Is en_____.

- Is _____y.

- Is full of ex_____.

Prov 26.13 The lazy man says, "There is a lion in the road! A fierce lion is in the streets!" (also Pr 20.4)

- Can't keep a good _____.

Prov 10.26 As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy man to those who send him.

- Sinks deeper and deeper into _____ness.

Prov 19.15 Laziness casts one into a deep sleep ...

- Has a _____ life, but never connects the _____.

Prov 15.19 The way of the lazy man is like a hedge of thorns, But the way of the upright is a highway.

Prov 24.30 "I went by the field of the lazy man, And by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; 31 And there it was, all overgrown with thorns; Its surface was covered with nettles; Its stone wall was broken down."

Mat 25:29 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.

Luke 16:10 "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

- Is at base an _____or, for he fails to acknowledge _____ in the way that he lives.

Deu 8:14 ... your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God ...

Col 3:5 ... covetousness, which is idolatry.

* **A true** man and a true woman is diligent, _____ful, and _____ous, like the _____ who made them.

* **For** teens, cultural forces make it especially easy to become en_____, un_____, _____ish, and _____. That's the recipe for making yourself and everyone around you _____able. The path of life is being un_____led, _____ful, _____gent, and _____less like the _____ we serve.