

FEBRUARY 2016, Part 53

TITLE: GREAT FAITH IS HARD WORK

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Proverbs 12:27 "Lazy people don't even cook the game they catch, but the diligent make use of everything they find."

2 Thessalonians 3:10-13 "We gave you this rule: "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

TRUTHS/NUGGETS

1. **Proverbs 10:4** "Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth."
2. **Proverbs 10:5**^{MSG} "Make hay while the sun shines—that's smart; go fishing during harvest—that's stupid."
3. **Proverbs 26:13-16** "The lazy man won't go out and work. There might be a lion outside!" he says. He sticks to his bed like a door to its hinges! He is too tired even to lift his food from his dish to his mouth! Yet in his own opinion he is smarter than seven wise men."
4. **Proverbs 13:4** "Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper and be satisfied."
5. **2 Thessalonians 3:10-13** "We gave you this rule: If a man will not work, he shall not eat. We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat. And as for you, brothers, never tire of doing what is right."

6. **Proverbs 12:27** "Lazy people don't even cook the game they catch, but the diligent make use of everything they find."
7. **Eccl 10:16-19** "Happy the land whose king is a nobleman and whose leaders work hard before they feast and drink, and then only to strengthen themselves for the tasks ahead! Laziness lets the roof leak, and soon the rafters begin to rot."
8. **Proverbs 12:24** "Diligent hands will rule, but laziness ends in slave labor."
9. **Proverbs 13:4** "Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper and be satisfied."
10. **Proverbs 21:5** "Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty."
11. **Proverbs 6:6-11** "Take a lesson from the ants, you lazy fellow. Learn from their ways and be wise! For though they have no king to make them work, yet they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter. But you—all you do is sleep. When will you wake up? "Let me sleep a little longer!" Sure, just a little more! And as you sleep, poverty creeps upon you like a robber and destroys you; want attacks you in full armor."

FINAL THOUGHTS

1. JESUS said: "I am working and My Father in heaven is working.
2. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.
3. Philippians 2:12 "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling."

"Reach for the top, the bottom is overcrowded!" – JEROME LIBERTY