
Taking care of the “bones.”

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

Proverbs 27:24...for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations.

Proverbs 27:25 When the hay is removed and new growth appears and the grass from the hills is gathered in, 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 you and your family and to nourish your servant girls.

*Proverbs 24:30 (RSV) I passed by the field of a **sluggard**, by the vineyard of a man without sense; ³¹ and lo, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. ³² Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction.*

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

³⁴ and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.

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The sluggard

*Proverbs 15:19 The way of the **sluggard** is blocked with thorns, but the path of the **upright** is a highway.*

*Prov. 21:25 The **sluggard's** craving will be the death of him, because his hands refuse to work.*

*Prov. 19:24 The **sluggard** buries his hand in the dish; he will not even bring it back to his mouth!*

*Proverbs 26:13 The **sluggard** says, "There is a lion in the road, a fierce lion roaming the streets!"*

*Proverbs 26:14 As a door turns on its hinges, so a **sluggard** turns on his bed.*

*Proverbs 26:15 The **sluggard** buries his hand in the dish; he is too lazy to bring it back to his mouth.*

*Proverbs 26:16 The **sluggard** is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who answer discreetly.*

*Proverbs 6:9 How long will you lie there, you **sluggard**? When will you get up from your sleep? ¹⁰ A **little** sleep, a **little** slumber, a **little** folding of the hands to rest-- ¹¹ and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.*

The diligent

Proverbs 21:5 (RSV) The plans of the **diligent** lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to want.

Proverbs 13:4 (RSV) The soul of the sluggard craves, and gets nothing, while the soul of the **diligent** is richly supplied.

Proverbs 10:4 (NIV) Lazy hands make a man poor, but **diligent** hands bring wealth.

Proverbs 12:24 **Diligent** hands will rule, but laziness ends in slave labor.

Prov. 12:27 The **lazy** man does not roast his game, but the **diligent** man prizes his possessions.

The sloth, and a few others...

Proverbs 12:24 (RSV) The hand of the diligent will rule, while the **slothful** will be put to forced labor.

Proverbs 12:27 (RSV) A **slothful** man will not catch his prey, but the diligent man will get precious wealth.

Proverbs 19:15 **Laziness** brings on deep sleep, and the **shiftless** man goes hungry.

Proverbs 18:9 One who is **slack** in his work is brother to one who destroys.

Proverbs 14:23 (RSV) In all toil there is profit, but **mere talk** tends only to want.

Proverbs 22:29 (RSV) Do you see a man **skillful** in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.
