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he will seek at harvest and have nothing.

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for his hands refuse to labor.

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so does a sluggard on his bed.

26:15 The sluggard buries his hand in the dish;  
it wears him out to bring it back to his mouth.

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I shall be killed in the streets!"

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26:16 The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes  
than seven men who can answer sensibly.

24:30–34 I passed by the field of a sluggard,  
by the vineyard of a man lacking sense,  
and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns;  
the ground was covered with nettles,  
and its stone wall was broken down.  
Then I saw and considered it;  
I looked and received instruction.  
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a little folding of the hands to rest,  
and poverty will come upon you like a robber,  
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