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Are you a lazy Christian or, a diligent Christian?

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**Proverbs 13:4: "The soul of the sluggard (or those that are lazy and idle) desire and have nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat".**

Solomon in this passage teaches us a valuable lesson about two different types of people..... those who are diligent, industrious, and resolved in all that they do, and by contrast, those who have good intentions, but are procrastinators, who are too lazy and who lack the drive and initiative to DO what they know they SHOULD and MUST DO.

When I was on Active Duty, we called them The Movers and the Shakers. Those who were lazy and never motivated, we called slugs.

Don't miss that Solomon wrote about the SOULS of these two different kinds of people. There ought to be no such thing as a Lazy and Inactive Christian who is a slug or sluggard. NO brother or sister in Christ should be spiritually lazy, or a spiritual procrastinator, full of good spiritual intentions, but "A SPIRITUAL DO NOTHING".

The Christian life is NOT a DO-NOTHING life, as we have learned in James, we are to be DOERS of the WORD!

Your desire might be to be spiritually minded, to know the scriptures, to be faithful in prayer..... good things that every one of us SHOULD desire for ourselves, but does our DOING match our DESIRES? When it comes down to going after these good and right things, DO YOU?

Don't be a spiritual procrastinator..... I really need to read my Bible, I really need to pray, I really need to be more faithful to gather with the saints on the Lord's Day... but then, you keep putting those very important things off... You procrastinate... tomorrow, tomorrow I'll read, tomorrow I'll pray... I go to church next Sunday..... "The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing".

Proverbs 19:15, 20:4, 24:30-34, 26:13-16,

The world is full of people who want something for nothing! They want to be rich, but their hands refuse to labor, and then you have Christians who want to be spiritual and wise, and who want to know the scriptures, but they refuse to labor and apply themselves diligently to the Word and to the ministry of the Word, and to effectual fervent prayer!

Charles Bridges: To expect God's blessings in our Christian lives without our own personal diligence is delusion".

"But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat". Romans 12:11

One who is spiritually diligent is determined, eager, and a seeker of Christ in His Word. His or her desires to be spiritual, wise, and conformed to the image of Christ are

genuine and manifested in their DOING the Word, DOING the commandments of Christ... actively pursuing their desires!

1 Timothy 4:6-8, Psalm 27:4, Proverbs 2:1-5, 22:29, Ecclesiastes 9:10, Hebrews 6:10-11

Is your soul only full of good intentions and desires to be like Christ, but your desires never translate to action? Or are you diligent in the business of your soul, and do you follow Christ in His Word with all your heart?

To the lost, I know I need Christ, but NOT today.  
Acts 24:24-25