

## **Introduction**

“laziness”

“diligence”

## **Laziness vs. Diligence**

### **Laziness is harmful.**

#### a. Historical Background

#### b. The Problem

#### c. The Produce

#### d. The Principles

1. If you won't plow in seed-time, you cannot expect to reap in harvest.
2. If you won't plow, you will need to beg when the diligent bring home their harvest.
3. We may, at times, help those caught in this circumstance.
4. We may, at times, in justice, not help those in that circumstance.

### **Diligence leads to gain.**

#### a. The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty...

1. You must have a plan.
2. You must be diligent.

General Principle - A good plan and hard work will bring financial gain.

#### b. But those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty.

## **Diligence in the Workplace**

### A. Word Study

### B. Commentary

1. Being diligent in your work is the best way to influence your employer.
2. Diligence often results in a promotion.
3. We ought to be diligent in our service for the Lord because we will stand before the King of kings.

### **A lazy fool is aggravating to his employer.**

Lesson – Laziness on the job is wickedness.

## **Diligence and Laziness**

### 1. Diligence brings independence.

### 2. A diligent man values what he has.

What is the contrast?

Question – What will a child value most?

Challenge – Parents, teach your children to work hard and to value what they have earned.

## **How about you?**

1. **Are you harming yourself and your family because of laziness?**
2. **Do you have a good plan and work hard to bring financial stability to your family?**
3. **Does your effort at work encourage your employer to promote you or to fire you?**
4. **Is it your goal to be financially independent?**
5. **Do you value your work and what you have earned from that hard work?**

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery