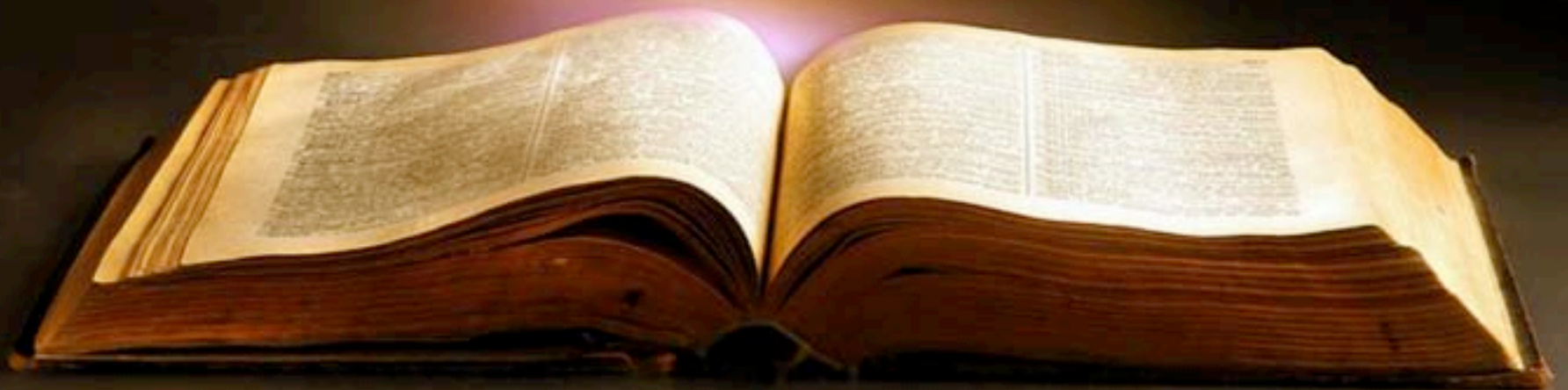


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**Worship
in
Song**

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Come Into His Presence

Come into His presence

With thanksgiving in your heart

And give Him praise

And give Him praise

Come into His presence

With thanksgiving in your heart

Your voices raise

Your voices raise

**Give glory and honor
and power unto Him**

**Jesus the name
above all names**

Hosanna

Hosanna hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Lord we lift up Your name
With hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God
Hosanna in the highest

Glory glory

Glory to the King of kings

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Lord we lift up Your name
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Rock of My Salvation

**You are the Rock
of my salvation**

**You are the strength
of my life**

**You are my hope
and my inspiration
Lord unto You will I cry**

I believe in You

believe in You

For Your faithful love

to me

**You have been my help
in time of need
Lord unto You will
I cleave**

**You are the Rock
of my salvation
You are the strength
of my life**

Yes Lord, Yes

Lord I give You all the glory

For all You've given me

You have filled my life

Until I overflow

All I have is Yours

To use in any way You choose

You are Lord of all

So how can I say no

**I'll say yes Lord yes
To Your will and to Your way**

**I'll say yes Lord yes
I will trust You and obey**

**When the Spirit speaks to me
With my whole heart I'll agree
And my answer will be
Yes Lord yes**

If I never knew

the fullness

Of living in Your will

I would never know how rich

My life could be

Lord my willingness to serve

Is the least that You deserve

For the blessings

You have showered over me

**I'll say yes Lord yes
To Your will and to Your way**

**I'll say yes Lord yes
I will trust You and obey**

**When the Spirit speaks to me
With my whole heart I'll agree
And my answer will be
Yes Lord yes**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

and

GREETING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Matthew 13:23 "But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."



SHOVEL

RAKE







WATER HOSE


JESUS told a story about a farmer
planting seed.



A wooden bowl filled with yellow corn seeds, with some seeds spilled onto a bamboo mat. The seeds are bright yellow and have a slightly irregular, rounded shape. The bowl is made of dark wood and is tilted, with the seeds spilling out onto the light-colored bamboo mat. The mat has a distinct woven pattern. The background is a solid blue color.

CORN SEED

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**Some of the seed fell
on the hard...**

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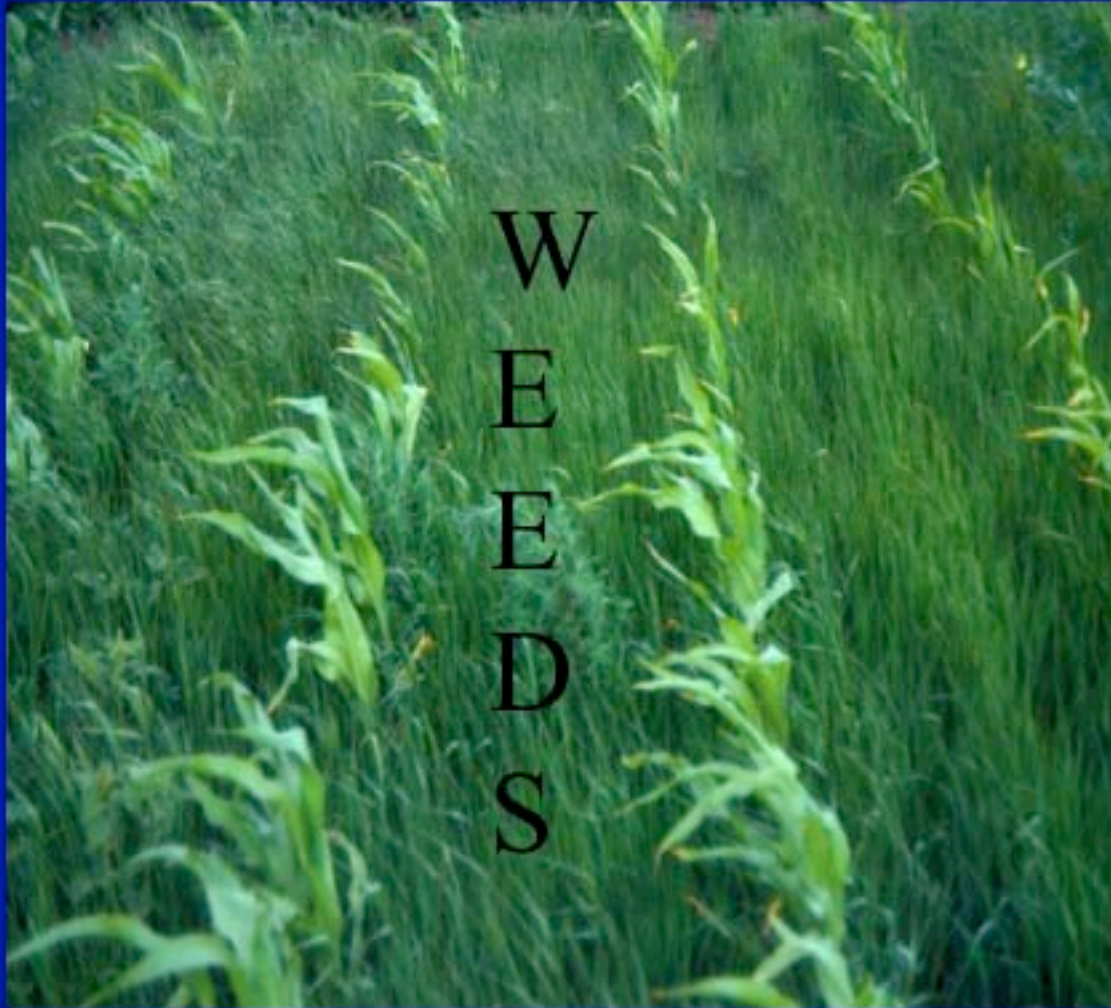
them

Some fell on Rocky Soil...



**they
wilted
and
died
in the
hot
sun**

Some fell among the...



And the
weeds
choked
out the
young
plants

Some fell on good soil....



The image shows three ears of yellow corn with green husks and silks, arranged diagonally on a dark surface. The corn is the central focus, with the text 'And produced a wonderful crop.' overlaid in green. The background is dark and slightly textured, possibly a tarp or a similar material. The overall composition is simple and emphasizes the freshness and quality of the corn.

**And produced
a wonderful
crop.**

In Jesus's Story...

The seed is the Word of God and the Soil is the PEOPLE who hear the Word of God .

Many times people hear the Word of God, but they don't understand it.

That is like the seed on the path.

The Devil comes and takes away the seed that has been planted in their heart before it has the opportunity to grow in their life.

The seed that fell on rocky soil represents those who hear the word and receive it with great joy, but when the newness wears off and the excitement fades, they drift away because they don't have deep roots.

The seed that fell among the weeds represents people who hear God's word and believe what it says, but soon the message is crowded out by the worries of life and the desire to get more stuff. If seed is planted in a bunch of weeds, the weeds will soon take over!

A person who hears God's word, tries to understand what it says and put it into practice in their daily life is like good soil.

In good soil, the seed takes root and grows and produces a plentiful harvest; that is the kind of soil that Jesus wants us to be.

What kind of soil are you?

MORNING PRAYER



WORSHIP THE LORD WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:10 "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Doxology

Praise God, from whom

all blessings flow:

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

A-men

Serve The Lord With Gladness

Serve the Lord with gladness

In our works and ways

Come before His presence

With songs of praise

Unto Him our Maker

We would pledge anew

Life's supreme devotion

To service true

Serve Him with gladness

Enter His courts with song

To our Creator

true praises belong

Great is His mercy

Wonderful is His name

We gladly serve Him

His great love proclaim

Serve the Lord with gladness

Thankful all the while

For His tender mercies

For His loving smile

Blessed truth enduring

Always just the same

We will serve with gladness

And praise His name

Serve Him with gladness
Enter His courts with song
To our Creator
true praises belong

Great is His mercy

Wonderful is His name

We gladly serve Him

His great love proclaim

Serve the Lord with gladness

This shall be our theme

As we walk together

In His love supreme

**Listening ever listening
For the still small voice
His sweet will so precious
Will be our choice**

Serve Him with gladness

Enter His courts with song

To our Creator

true praises belong

Great is His mercy

Wonderful is His name

We gladly serve Him

His great love proclaim

Heaven Came Down

O what a wonderful wonderful day

Day I will never forget

After I'd wandered in darkness away

Jesus my Savior I met

O what a tender compassionate friend

He met the need of my heart

Shadows dispelling

with joy I am telling

He made all the darkness depart

**Heaven came down
and glory filled my soul
When at the cross
the Savior made me whole**

**My sins were washed away
And my night was turned to day
Heaven came down
and glory filled my soul**

Born of the Spirit

with life from above

Into God's fam'ly divine

Justified fully thru Calvary's love

O what a standing is mine

And the transaction

so quickly was made

**When as a sinner I came
Took of the offer of grace
He did proffer He saved me
O praise His dear name**

**Heaven came down
and glory filled my soul
When at the cross
the Savior made me whole**

**My sins were washed away
And my night was turned to day
Heaven came down
and glory filled my soul**

Now I've a hope

that will surely endure

After the passing of time

I have a future in heaven for sure

There in those mansions sublime

And it's because of that wonderful day

When at the cross I believed

Riches eternal and blessings supernal

From His precious hand I received

**Heaven came down
and glory filled my soul
When at the cross
the Savior made me whole**

**My sins were washed away
And my night was turned to day
Heaven came down
and glory filled my soul**

The Greatest Thing

The greatest thing

In all my life is knowing You

The greatest thing

In all my life is knowing You

I want to know You more

I want to know You more

The greatest thing

In all my life is knowing You

The greatest thing

In all my life is loving You

The greatest thing

In all my life is loving You

I want to love You more

I want to love You more

The greatest thing

In all my life is loving You

The greatest thing

In all my life is serving You

The greatest thing

In all my life is serving You

I want to serve You more

I want to serve You more

The greatest thing

In all my life is serving You

You're The Love Of My Life

You're the love of my life

You're the joy of my morning

You're the song of my heart

And I will praise Your holy name

Singing hallelujah hallelujah

Singing hallelujah

I will praise Your holy name

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WORSHIP THE LORD IN HIS WORD

**Living Wisely
In A Foolish World**

Leaving Laziness

Proverbs 15:19;

**Please open your
Bibles and read
along with me:**

HOLY
BIBLE

Proverbs 15:19 "The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain."

John Gill says of this verse “the slothful has implicated and entangled himself in such difficulties, that he cannot extricate himself; his way is not passable, at least not very easily; it is as it were hedged up with thorns;”

Ill. Wait a minute vines.

INTRODUCTION:

In this message we are going to talk about leaving laziness.

Sloth or laziness is one of the seven deadly sins in Christian moral tradition.

The word for lazy in the King James Version is “slothfulness,” and the ESV calls it a “sluggard”.

We know a sloth to be a slow-moving, tree-dwelling mammal that hangs, with back down, and feeds on mostly leaves.

As much as two-thirds of a well-fed sloth's body-weight consists of the contents of its stomach, and the digestive process can take a month or more to complete.

The sloth is so lazy it hangs by its claws for days at a time.

Sloths move only when necessary and even then very slowly: they have about a quarter as much muscle tissue as other animals of similar weight.

Sloth outer hairs grow away from the extremities in order to provide protection from the elements while the sloth hangs upside down.

The fur of most sloth's hosts two species of bacteria, which give it a green color which provides camouflage.

Because of the cyanobacteria, formerly classified as blue-green algae, sloth fur is a small ecosystem of its own, hosting many species of non-parasitic insects.

It does nothing but eat and sleep, so it is considered the laziest of all creatures.

The Bible also calls a lazy person a “sluggard.”

Synonyms - couch potato, deadbeat, do-nothing, drone, idler, layabout, loafer, lotus-eater, slouch, slug, slugabed, lazybones.



Related words:

bum, good-for-nothing, ne'er-do-well; crawler, creeper, dawdler, laggard, putterer, slowpoke, snail, stick-in-the-mud, straggler; clock-watcher, goldbrick, malingerer, shirker, slacker; dallier, lingerer, loiterer, loungeur, delayer, procrastinator; dropout, quitter.

Is there anyone who is in doubt about what or who we are talking about this morning?

Do you know a “human” sloth or sluggard, a really lazy person?

You may be surprised at who is truly lazy because slothfulness or laziness is selective.

We can all be lazy in certain areas of our lives—usually the most important areas.

We can be workaholics and still be lazy.

In this message we are going to look at the Cost of laziness and the Cure for laziness.

I. The Cost of Laziness

A. Laziness spoils relationships.

Laziness is most often seen in our neglect of other people.

One of the best examples of the cost of laziness occurs just hours before Jesus was crucified.

After the Last Supper, Jesus takes His disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane.

Jesus has gone into this beautiful garden to meditate and pray just hours before His crucifixion.

He leaves most of the disciples at the gate and tells them:

Matthew 26:36b “... Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.”

Then, He takes Peter, James, and John with Him deeper into the garden.

These men were His inner circle, His closest disciples.

Jesus tells them:

Matthew 26:38 "Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch (keep awake) with me." (40,41)

More than any other time in His life, Jesus needs the support, love, and prayers of His three closest friends.

Of all the people on earth, surely He can count on Peter, James, and John.

But what happens?

When Jesus returns, He finds all three asleep!

Then, what does He ask Peter in...

Matthew 26:40 "And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?"

Can you hear the hurt and disappointment in Jesus' question?

**Just when He needs them most,
they are too tired and lazy to
watch. . . one hour.**

**Let's apply this to our
lives.**

OR NOT!!!

Have you ever come home really tired after a hard day's work or a tough time at your job?

Your spouse and kids are waiting for you to express your love for them.

You have the opportunity to give your kids a hug and listen to what they have been anxiously waiting to tell you about their day, which to them is just as important as your day is to you.

You also have an opportunity to express your love and appreciation to your spouse in front of your kids.

But you are just too tired.

After supper (dinner) you collapse in your favorite chair with the newspaper or turn on the TV.

You miss the opportunity to play with your kids, maybe help them with their homework, and pray with them before they go to bed.

Those opportunities to express your love are gone for all eternity.

You didn't miss those opportunities because you are a mean person or because you don't care about your family, but because you are too lazy to do the important things when you are tired.

This is the story of most workaholics.

They get everything done at work, even when they are tired, but when they get home to their spouses and kids, they are too tired and lazy to take part in the really important things in life.

Most of the important things in life are done by people when they are tired, but who refuse to be lazy.

Proverbs *15:19* expresses this truth.

Proverbs 15:19 “The way of a sluggard is like a hedge of thorns, but the path of the upright is a level highway.” **(ESV)**

This means lazy people always have excuses, or *thorns*, that prevent them from doing what they should, but the *righteous* get things done.

Most marriage problems are the result of laziness because marriage is mostly just plain hard work, and one or both marriage partners are too lazy to make the necessary effort.

Laziness is also often the culprit in parental problems because parents are often just too lazy to listen, help with homework, or get involved in their children's lives.

In family relationships we especially need to remember the principle found in...

Proverbs 20:4 "The sluggard will not plow (do what is necessary) by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing."

If we don't *plow* when we have opportunity, the day will come when we will look at our relationships and find *nothing*.

Many parents say,

“Well, when things slow down at work, I will have more time for my kids.”

never comes.

from experience - that time

Parents let me tell you

In all our relationships we need to remember the principle explained in...

Proverbs 12:27 "The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious."

Lazy people don't take care of their possessions because they don't value what they have, but a *diligent* person values and takes care of his possessions.

The most important things in our lives are our relationships, but laziness spoils them.

This is true not only in our human relationships but our relationship with the Lord as well.

Most Christians don't have the close relationship with the Lord they should because they are just too lazy to be faithful in Bible study, worship services, reading their Bible, praying, and remembering that He is the one they are living for.

Laziness spoils relationships & ...

B. Laziness stifles good intentions.

Jesus expresses this fact.....

**Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray,
that ye enter not into temptation:
the spirit indeed is willing, but the
flesh is weak."**

**Because *the flesh is weak*, our
good intentions are often nullified.**

**Have you ever wanted to lose
weight?**

**Did you lose weight
with just good
intentions?**

If we want to get in better physical or spiritual shape, enrich our marriages, or improve our relationships with our kids, we need more than good intentions.

Nothing will improve until we put forth the effort and make the necessary changes.

Proverbs 13:4 reminds us of this.

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

This means the desires of a lazy person are not fulfilled because he or she is not willing to put forth the necessary effort.

We are a nation of “couch potatoes.”

We are a generation of people who want everything to be easy, but the most important things in life don't come easily; they take a lot of hard work.

**What is the
c o s t o f
laziness?**



It spoils relationships and stifles good intentions.

Now, let's look at.....

II. The Cure for Laziness

A. We need to Spotlight areas of our laziness.

Your laziness may be found in your family relationships, your relationship with God, your money management, etc.

Spotlighting areas of laziness may require praying the prayer of Job in

Job 6:24 "Teach me, and I will hold my tongue: and cause me to understand wherein I have erred."

B. Seek God's forgiveness.

Honestly confess laziness as the sin it is.

Ask God to forgive you for all the opportunities you have squandered.

**James 4:17 “So
whoever knows the
right thing to do
and fails to do it,
for him it is
sin.” (ESV)**

You must confess the sin of laziness because of the truth in...

Proverbs 28:13 "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

C. Select only one area at a time.

Choose just one area of your life in which you are lazy because you can only adequately work on one area at a time.

Work on that one area every day for twenty days; that's how long it takes to make a permanent change.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.” (ESV)

D. Start doing better today.

**Not next month, not next week,
not tomorrow.**

**Procrastination will only allow
time for things to get worse.**

**“One of these days” really
means “none of these
days.”**

**We are always going to make
changes (Ma'Yana)
“tomorrow.”**

**However, what does
Proverbs 27:1 tell
us?**

**Proverbs 27:1 "Boast not thyself of to
morrow; for thou knowest not what a
day may bring forth."**

Don't wait for a better time.

**We often try to cover up our
laziness by saying we are
waiting for a better
opportunity.**

The person who really wants to change finds a way, but the person who doesn't really want to change always finds an excuse.

Proverbs 22:13
expresses this truth.

Proverbs 22:13 "The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets."

This means a lazy person is full of excuses.

We are all good at making excuses.

Benjamin Franklin said: “People who are good at making excuses are rarely good at anything else.”

About what have you been making excuses?

**A good way to find out is to fill in
the following blank:**

**“One of these days I’m
gonna _____.”**

However, what does Ecclesiastes 11:4 tell us?

Ecclesiastes 11:4 "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap."

In other words, if you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.

What will it take for you to make that important change you've been putting off?

All the good intentions in the world will not make any difference.

Conclusion:

The beginning cure for laziness is:

Spotlight areas of laziness

Seek God's forgiveness,

Select only one area at a time,

Start doing better today.



INVITATION

Just A Closer Walk

**I am weak
but Thou art strong
Jesus keep me
from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk let me walk
close to Thee**

**Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be O Lord let it be**

**Thru this world
of toil and snares**

If I falter Lord who cares

Who with me my burden shares

None but Thee dear Lord

none but Thee

**Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be O Lord let it be**

**When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore to
Thy shore**

**Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be O Lord let it be**

**Benediction
&
Fellowship**