***LAZINESS, IDLENESS AND DISCIPLINE***

INTRODUCTION

1 Timothy 4: 7-8: We must train ourselves to be godly: it does not come naturally. Rather, the whole Christian life is a process of training in righteousness.

1. LAZINESS
2. Hebrews 6: 12
   1. Do not become lazy: this is a constant threat to the Christian life, to every Christian, young or old.
   2. Imitate those who exhibit true faith and patience: there will always be good examples to imitate.
3. Proverbs 6: 6-11
   1. Lack of self-motivation; over sleeping.
4. Proverbs 24: 30-34
   1. Disorganization of sluggard.
5. Proverbs 26: 13-16
   1. Laziness of sluggard.
6. IDLENESS
7. 1 Thessalonians 4: 11-12
   1. Being constructive members of society and of the church wins the respect of others and makes the gospel attractive. (see Titus 2: 10)
   2. Try not to be dependent on anyone.
8. 1 Thessalonians 5: 14
   1. Warn those who are idle
   2. This is serious.
9. 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-15
   1. If he/ she does not listen to the warning, keep away from him/ her.
   2. Again, follow the example of other disciples.
   3. Some people tend to be "busybodies."
10. DISCIPLINE
11. Hebrews 12: 11
    1. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but afterwards the pay-off is substantial.
12. 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27
    1. The lack of discipline can lead us to fall away.

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURES:

1 Timothy 2:3-6, Hebrews 5: 14