

Loans, Laziness, and God's Heart

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Proverbs 22:26-27

26 Do not be one who shakes hands in pledge
or puts up security for debts;

27 if you lack the means to pay,
your very bed will be snatched from under you. (NIV)

See also Proverbs 11:15; 17:18; 20:16; 27:13.

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On average, a single worker ant would take 250 naps each day, with each one lasting just over a minute. That equates to 4 hours and 48 minutes of sleep each day. That also meant that 80 percent of the workforce was awake and active at any one time.

- BBC Earth News

If you're a slug, be an ant.

...make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you,

1 Thessalonians 4:11b (NIV)

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: “The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.” 11 We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. 13 And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

2 Thessalonians 3:10-13 (NIV)

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV)

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Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God. (NIV)

20 My son, pay attention to what I say;
turn your ear to my words.
21 Do not let them out of your sight,
keep them within your heart;
22 for they are life to those who find them
and health to one's whole body.
23 Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.

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- 24 Keep your mouth free of perversity;
keep corrupt talk far from your lips.
- 25 Let your eyes look straight ahead;
fix your gaze directly before you.
- 26 Give careful thought to the paths for your feet
and be steadfast in all your ways.
- 27 Do not turn to the right or the left;
keep your foot from evil.
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Proverbs 4:20-27 (NIV)

God Loves

1. **God loves** those who want to see his face.
2. **God loves** those who speak the truth.
3. **God loves** caring and kind hands.
4. **God loves** the heart that loves God and neighbor.
5. **God loves** those who want to walk the path of wisdom.
6. **God loves** an honest witness.
7. **God loves** a peacemaker.

*Christ transforms troublemakers
into peacemakers.*
