

## PROVERBS: WORK

### Proverbs 6:6-11

1. Observe the ways of the ant \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. God created us to participate in our \_\_\_\_\_  
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More Biblical principles about work:

### Review & Study

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- A. Quote our focus verse to someone today:  
**Proverbs 1:7:** *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.* <sup>ESV</sup>
- B. Answer the following questions about **Proverbs 6:6-12**.
  1. Who were the words recorded in this passage originally spoken by? To whom were these instructions originally addressed? Should you take these instructions to heart as well?
  2. According to verse 6, where is a sluggard to go? What is such a person to do there? What will this do for them? What have you observed about what ants do that would be helpful for a lazy person to consider?
  3. What do ants not have, according to verse 7? What then can ants accomplish without this (v.8)? What is amazing about this? How important is this work that ants do? Who does this work benefit? What does this say about the value of the work that ants do?
  4. What do the questions of verse 9 imply? What might contribute to a person getting into such a state? What appears to be God's view of work?
  5. According to verse 10, how easy is it to slip into a life of laziness? Does this mean that people should never rest? What then, does it mean?
  6. According to verse 11, what are the dangers of unintended laziness? What does it mean that "poverty will come upon you like a robber?" How might "want" come upon you like an armed man?
- C. Answer the following questions about **Ecclesiastes 3:22**.
  1. What does the Teacher say that he saw? Why do you think the Teacher came to such a conclusion? Why is work the "lot" of being a human?
  2. What do you think keeps people from rejoicing in their work? What could help people to rejoice in their work?
- D. Application:
  1. Have you ever struggled with laziness? If so, what was it that moved you to become lazy?
  2. Do you rejoice in your work? Why or why not?
  3. How might the Lord want you to pray in regard to this issue of work?