

Procrastination

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When your failure to do what should be done when it should be done creates frustrations in your marriage partner and unhappiness for yourself.

Putting off until later what you have time for today becomes a terrible form of indebtedness, and can be a great annoyance to your marriage partner. The Bible calls the classic procrastinator a *sluggard* who will not begin things; or will not finish things, once started; or will not face things that need to be dealt with.

Read:

Proverbs 6:6-11, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man."

Proverbs 10:26, "As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to them that send him."

Proverbs 12:24-27, "The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute. Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad. The righteous is more excellent than his neighbour: but the way of the wicked seduceth them. The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious."

Proverbs 13:4, "The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat."

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

Proverbs 18:9, "He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster."

Proverbs 19:24, "A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again."

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

Proverbs 21:25-26, "The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour. He coveteth greedily all the day long: but the righteous giveth and spareth not."

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

Proverbs 24:30-32, "I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of

understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction."

Proverbs 26:15-16, "The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth. The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit than seven men that can render a reason."