

## Sermon Text Discussion 5/21/2017

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“Crazy-Busy, Lazy-Busy, and the Wisdom of Hard Work” by Drew Hunter

### Overview

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All of us have some of the “sluggard” in us.

1. Why laziness matters
2. Where laziness leads
3. What laziness looks like
4. How laziness dies

### Quotations

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“Sometimes our busy-ness is filled with a form of laziness.” -Drew Hunter

“Many of the coming-of-age rituals that have defined the American experience since the Founding: learning the value of working with your hands, leaving home to start a family, becoming economically self-reliant – are being delayed or skipped altogether.” - Ben Sasse, *The Vanishing American Adult*

“‘a little... a little... a little...’ He does not commit himself to a refusal, but deceives himself by the smallness of his surrenders. So, by inches and minutes, his opportunity slips away.” - Derek Kidner, *The Proverbs: An Introduction and Commentary*

### Understanding & Application

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- 1) Have you ever thought of laziness as having a *moral* dimension? Why would that be? Why in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) does the master call the lazy slave *wicked* (v. 26)?
- 2) It is easy to see how laziness can lead to one's own poverty, but how does laziness harm others? Consider Proverbs 10:5, 10:26, and 21:25-26.
- 3) Read Proverbs 14:23. Are there activities that God has been calling you to do that you have only talked about doing?
- 4) Read Proverbs 12:11. Are you now, or have you been in the past, busily engaged in activities that might be “worthless pursuits”? If you were to list the activities that occupy your waking hours in a typical week, how many of them would be considered *fruitful* labors?
- 5) Drew recommended four steps: (1) see the sluggard (in us), (2) see the Savior, (3) slay the sluggard, and (4) serve the Savior. Read Titus 2:14. How might we become a group of people more zealous for good works?