

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

For Faith Groups and Further Study

1. Have you ever cosigned a loan for someone or had someone cosign for you? How did that work out for you?
2. Why is the father adamant to instruct his son to not be in debt to someone else? What actions does the father suggest the son take if he finds himself in that situation?
3. Is it prudent and wise to go into business with someone else? What would be some warning signs to avoid? What are some benefits?
4. What is a sluggard? Do you have “sluggard” tendencies in your life? How can you overcome them?
5. An ant doesn’t need to learn how to be productive or do its work. Why is the ant a good example from nature for the father to use for his son to learn the value of initiative and hard work?
6. Have you ever put off doing something that should really get done today? What was the reason(s) for doing that? Did you ever finish what you started?
7. What is the connection between poverty and laziness?
8. How does laziness impact a person’s attitude to the point that they become a “*worthless person, a wicked man*” (6:12-15)? Do you know of any people like that in your life? What have you said to them or could you say to them to motivate them to improve their attitude and situation?
9. One of the things that the LORD detests the most is “*one who sows discord among the brothers*” (6:19b). How do the previous six things that the LORD hates (6:16-19a) contribute to that discord? How have you sown discord in your life among the brothers? Have you ever acknowledged that discord and made it right? Why or why not?

MESSAGE OUTLINE/NOTES

Proverbs - The Wisdom of Personal Responsibility

1. Take _____. (6:1-5)
2. Pursue disciplined _____. (6:6-11)
3. Maintain _____. (6:12-19)