



Part Four: Sloth (Laziness) // Mark Clark // October 31, 2021

The deadly sin of sloth will affect your life physically, intellectually, and spiritually. It can find expression in laziness and idleness. Be intentional with your time and energy on the mission of loving and serving God and others to enjoy Jesus now, in daily sacrifice.

Scripture: [Romans 12:11-12](#), [Colossians 3:23](#), [Proverbs 6:6-11](#), [Proverbs 13:4](#), [Proverbs 15:19](#), [Proverbs 21:25-26](#)

Bottom Line: We must not cling to comfort when God calls us to greater things.

Getting Started:

1. When you wake up in the morning, what are three things you routinely do?
2. Are you a goal-oriented person (i.e., are you one to set long-term goals or short-term goals)? What would you say is the most important goal you have accomplished in your life to date?

Jumping In:

3. Read [1 Corinthians 15:1-2](#). What has the gospel done for you? In response, what are you supposed to do for the gospel? Why?
4. Read [2 Thessalonians 3:10](#) and [Ephesians 4:28](#). What is God's intention and calling for us in our workplaces?
5. Read [Exodus 20:8-11](#). What is the Sabbath? In the midst of working hard and the endless amount of things to do - to accomplish, to work at, to influence, etc. - how can we practice the sabbath?

Discuss:

6. Share a time when you were most diligent and zealous in spending time in the Bible and prayer? What effect did this have on other areas of your life? Where are you at now?
7. There is a "lazy busy" where our schedules are full and we are very active day to day, yet in our busyness we can be slothful in the way we love others. What would it look like to be intentional in the way you interact with others?

8. Choose one individual in your life and a practical step you can take to be intentional with him/her this week. Take time to pray for them together as a group.

Moving Forward:

Slothfulness thrives in busyness. Focus your time and energy on the mission, on kingdom work. Serve and love God and others with the intention to advance his kingdom and to enjoy Jesus now, in daily sacrifice.