

SERMON OUTLINE FOR STUDENTS

PROVERBS: WISDOM FOR TODAY — WEEK 5

TITLE: *Consider the Sluggard*

MAIN SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Proverbs 24:30–34

SPEAKER: Pastor Phil Ward

WORDS I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND

I. READING PROVERBS WELL

- A. To read Proverbs well, we must remember their purpose is that we may know wisdom and instruction in pursuit of understanding (**Proverbs 1:2-6**)
- B. To read Proverbs well, we must think about the circumstances of the proverb and its implications for today (**Proverbs 26:4-5**)

II. CONSIDER THE SLUGGARD AND RECEIVE INSTRUCTION (PROVERBS 24:30-34)

- A. The sluggard's land is in disrepair (**Proverbs 24:30-31**)
1. The sluggard is also a man lacking sense (**Proverbs 24:30; 9:4, 16; 12:11; 15:21; 4:23**)
 2. The sluggard allows his land to fall into disrepair (**Proverbs 24:31; Isaiah 34:13; Proverbs 10:26; 15:19; 18:9; 19:24; 20:4; 21:25; 22:13**)
- B. The wise contemplate reality and gain instruction (**Proverbs 24:32**)
1. Good thinkers will respect reality and be wise (**Psalms 8:3-4; Isaiah 44:15-19**)
 2. The natural world was created in, by, and through God's wisdom so we can gain wisdom by considering it (**Matthew 6:26-30; Proverbs 6:6-8**)
- C. The sluggard became a fool by a series of small concessions (**Proverbs 24:33-34**)
1. The sluggard refuses to work and chooses to sleep instead (**Proverbs 19:15; 26:14**)
 2. The sluggard will suffer want (**Proverbs 13:4; 20:4; 21:25, 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12**)

SOMETHING NEW TO ME

WHAT I HEARD ABOUT THE GOSPEL

III. IN COMMUNION, WE REMEMBER THE BLOOD OF CHRIST IS POURED OUT FOR FORGIVENESS OF SINS (MATTHEW 26:26-28)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. Why is it important to spend time thinking about the meaning of a proverb?
2. What is a sluggard? How would you describe the way a sluggard lives their life?
3. Do you think it is fair that a sluggard suffers want? Why or why not? How does your answer reflect the teaching of 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good	Wise	Wrathful	Merciful
Just	Jealous	Faithful	Perfect
Holy	Gracious	Patient	Love
Other:			

KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Disrepair –

Reality –

Concession –

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD