Practicing Godliness

Chapter 5 Saying Goodbye to Laziness!

Proverbs 6:6~11, Proverbs 26:13~16

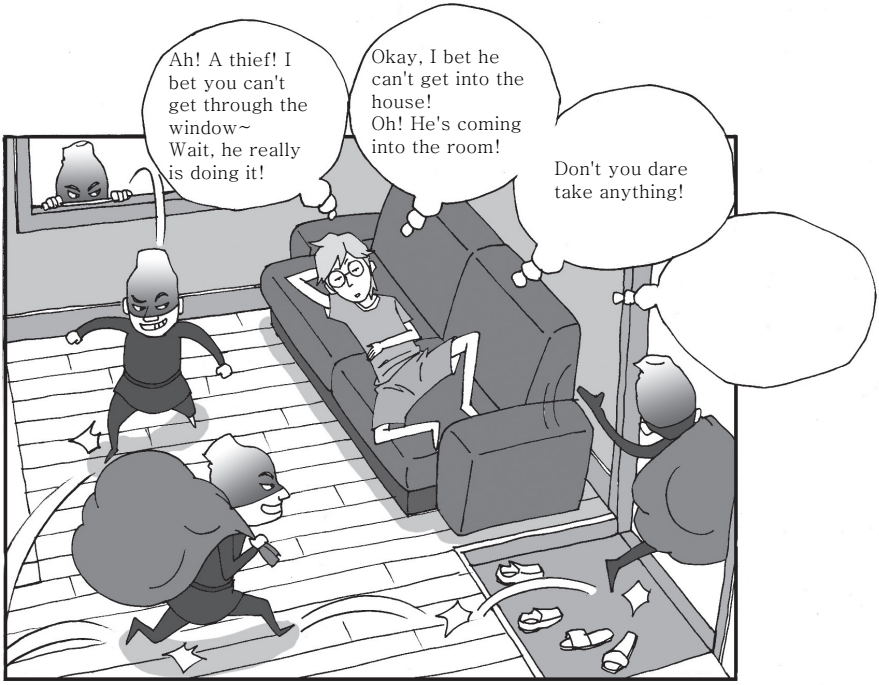
Today's Lesson:

1. To understand that as a Christian, being accustomed to laziness is a sin worthy of judgment.

2. To understand that I must say goodbye to laziness and practice the will of God with diligence and sincerity.

Open Your Heart

Complete the story by filling in the last bubble.



Understanding
Today's Lesson

Laziness is knowing very well what you are supposed to do, but putting off when to do it. For example, if you know how to live properly as a Christian and know what to do to evangelize to the souls around you, but are procrastinating, you are lazy. The people of the world that do not even know that God exists are considered fools. However, on the other hand, if there is a Christian who knows all the facts and the gospel, and even knows very well that the Second Coming of the Lord is near, yet does not do God's will, then they will be considered a person of laziness. When Jesus gathered His saved servants and provided praise and rebuke, the representative words of rebuke were "You wicked and lazy servant." A Christian's inability to properly discern the will of God, along with procrastinating and being lazy during times of labor, are sins that are worthy of judgment from God.

The common trait of lazy people is that they have a reason for everything. However, in the eyes of God, these reasons are just excuses. Specifically, preaching the gospel is simply the work of delivering the fact that Jesus has accomplished everything, and anything done to postpone this work is just an excuse. The Lord surely promised that if you "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ...you will be saved, you and your household." However, if you continue to put off the preaching of the gospel, that means that you are sick with the disease of laziness. Christians are those that have been entrusted with the work of God. Therefore, it is necessary for us to live today as if it is the last day of our lives and live diligently and faithfully according to the will of the Lord. When the Lord returns, we must be ready to hear the praise "Well done, good and faithful servant". Now is the time to say goodbye to laziness.

Notes:

Memorizing
Bible Verses

Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men

(Proverbs 22:29)

Meditate
On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(Proverbs 10:4-5)

(Proverbs 24:30-34)

(2 Thessalonians 3:6-12)

Changing
Directions

Read Genesis 31:38 - 42 and answer the following:

1. Among the ancestors of faith, many were shepherds. How well do you think you could perform this work?

2. 20 years before this passage, Jacob crossed the Jordan with just a cane, but now is returning home as an extremely rich person. Read the confession of Jacob in verses 38-40 and summarize the secret to his prosperity.

3. How was Jacob able to become so prosperous despite his uncle Laban changing his wages 10 times? Read verse 42 and answer.

4. Based on this story, to whom does God provide material blessings?

Applying

The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. (James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week

1.)

2.)

3.)

2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.

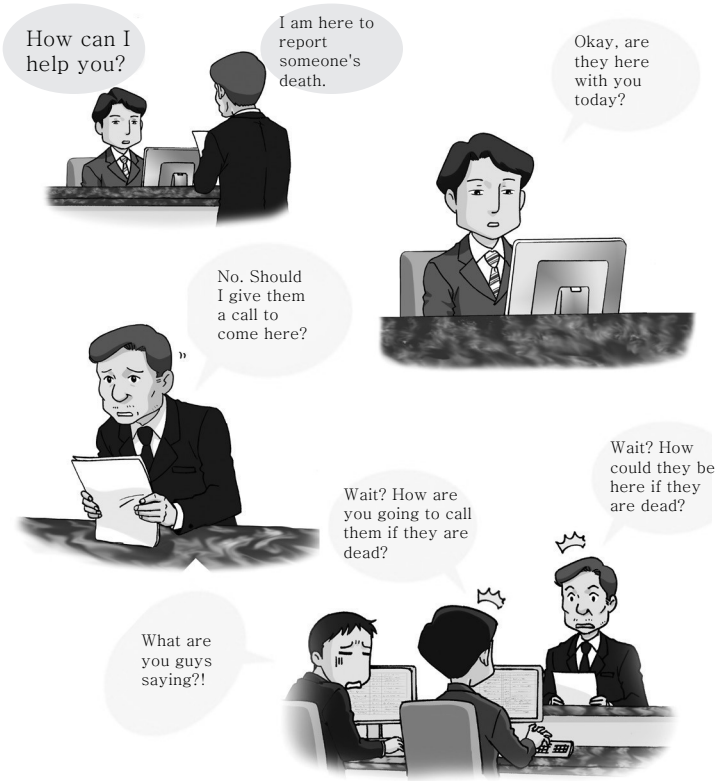
Praying

To Live According to the Word

As a Christian, let us seek to be able to become a faithful and diligent person. And if there's a lazy habit that I haven't been able to throw away for a long time, let's ask God to help us throw it away.

Our Story

If you don't listen with your heart...



There are times when we have heard something, yet we don't know what we heard. This is because when you were listening, you did not hear with your heart.

We learn the Bible to gain eternal life.
This is the most important issue of my life.

These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. (Acts 17:11)

Parable

Lessons From John Wesley

John Wesley, a man who exists in the brilliantly decorated pages of Christian church history, was born in 1703 and died in 1791. 5 days before he died, Wesley traveled 32 kilometers in order to evangelize. For 60 whole years of his life, Wesley would wake up at 4 am every day to pray and read the Bible. In his lifetime, Wesley preached over 4,000 times, wrote 200 books, and went around the earth 10 times, often with horseback, in order to evangelize. He was able to live while doing so much not only because God allowed him to excel, but also because he himself used his time effectively. This is how Wesley replied to someone who asked him for his secret on how he managed his time.

"When I meet someone, I decide at our first meeting whether that person is someone that I need to meet again."

Ultimately, Wesley's criteria for whom he would meet was nothing more than asking if that person was a man of God. If they are not a man of God, Wesley was meeting them and wasting his time unnecessarily. Of course, there are some parts that we cannot agree with by our current standards. However, given that John Wesley lived in a social age where people enjoyed banquets, this would have been the best way to reduce the waste of life that comes from enjoyment and socializing. That is why he said the following:

"That was why I couldn't waste much of my life in useless conversations and worldly affairs."

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