

## Application Questions

Ecclesiastes 10:18

Reflect back on Ecclesiastes 10:16. How can our civil rulers be slothful? Can you name a few examples? What are some of the examples of immaturity that we covered last week?

Read over Ecclesiastes 10:18. Does the word house always mean a one family dwelling? What were some of the other uses of the word that we covered in the sermon?

Read Proverbs 23:21. What are some of the examples of laziness given in this verse? How do we know that these people were one time people with possessions? How did they lose their possessions?

We discussed a number of ways that we can be lazy. Can you name a few of them? How did we know the laziness is a sin? Consider the parable of the talents in Matthew 25 as you answer this question.

What does God think of work? As you answer this consider Genesis 2:15 and Psalms 104:23.

What were some of the other lessons to avoid laziness that were covered in the sermon? Which of these do you need to concentrate on? Remember, the Elders of the church are available to help you as you develop a plan of industry and accomplishment in your Christian life.

Study for next week: Ecclesiastes 10:19-20.

## Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that You promise. Amen.

## Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed; but through You, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank You for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and giving me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

## A note to our visitors

It is a pleasure having you as a special guest in our Sunday worship today. We hope that you feel warmly welcomed by those around you.

Our goal at Providence Church is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through biblical worship and through a lifestyle of community to others. We consider it a privilege to make ourselves available to you and your family, and would appreciate the opportunity to get to know you better.

Perhaps you are new to the area and are searching for a church. Whether this is the case or whether you are simply visiting, we hope that it will not be your last time with us. Feel free to contact us at the church office (309-387-2600) if there is any way that we can be of service to you, or if you have questions that you would like answered about Providence Church or the Christian Faith.