

## The Wisdom of the Ant: The Path of Diligence (Wisdom For the Way - A study in the Proverbs- Part 10)

### 1. CONSIDER THE ANT- Proverbs 6:6-11; Matthew 7:24-27

God teaches diligence through \_\_\_\_\_ things

Life is built in small \_\_\_\_\_ choices

### 2. CULTIVATE \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 10:4; 21:5; 1 Cor. 15:10

Diligence compounds \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. CONFRONT THE \_\_\_\_\_ - Proverbs 6:10; 24:30-34; Heb. 6:11,12

Ruin rarely arrives dramatically-

it usually comes through \_\_\_\_\_ , not rebellion.

The real battle is against \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4. COME TO CHRIST - Mark 1:35; John 4:34; 17:4; Luke 9:51

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

Diligence is a \_\_\_\_\_ to grace, not a way to

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## Life Group Questions for the Week of March 1, 2026

1. Share something you've learned the hard way that required patience or consistent effort (a skill, habit, or relationship).
2. Read Proverbs 10:4–5; 13:4; 6:6–11; 24:30–34. What contrasts do you notice between diligence and laziness in these verses? Which verse stood out to you most—and why? How does Proverbs describe the *outcomes* of each path?
3. Proverbs 21:5 says, “*The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance.*” How does Proverbs define diligence differently than just being “busy”? Why do you think God values steady faithfulness over quick results? Where do you see diligence quietly shaping your life right now?
4. According to Proverbs, and specifically Proverbs 24:30–34, what makes laziness spiritually dangerous? Why is neglect often harder to recognize than outright sin? In what areas of life does neglect tend to show up first?
5. What are some culturally acceptable forms of laziness today (over-busyness, procrastination, distraction, etc.)? Which area of your life feels most like an “untended field” right now?
6. Read Proverbs 24:30–34 and Hebrews 2:1. The field in Proverbs was ruined gradually. Where do you see “slow drift” as a danger in spiritual life today? Hebrews warns us to “pay much closer attention.” What practices help us stay attentive to our faith? What is one area of life that may need tending right now?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:58, John 19:30. Why is it important to remember that diligence does not earn God's love? How does the gospel free us from both laziness *and* unhealthy striving? How does Jesus model perfect faithfulness where we often fall short?