

# WISDOM PURSUES DILIGENCE AND REJECTS LAZINESS

## **BIG TRUTH: WISDOM PURSUES DILIGENCE AND REJECTS LAZINESS**

Proverbs 13:4; Galatians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Peter 1:10; 3:14; 2 Timothy 2:15; Ecclesiastes 9:10; Colossians 3:23

## **BIBLE VERSE: PROVERBS 10:4-5**

*“A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich, He who gathers in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who brings shame.”*

## **BIG IDEAS**

- Diligence pursues what is good without being told what to do.
- Diligence is willing to work hard and labor for what is good.
- The end of laziness is lack and loss.

## **BIBLE PASSAGE: PROVERBS 6:6-11, 8:17, 12:24, 13:4, 21:5**

## **KNEEL: LIVING IN WISDOM**

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28) and to use our influence to lead others to do the same. We know that as we pursue a life of worship, we will pursue a life of both wisdom and mission. Throughout this year we will study and pursue the wisdom of God through the book of Proverbs and the mission of God through the book of Acts, and we will learn how both of these things must inform and shape our influence as Jesus followers!

## **SERIES AIMS**



### **Every student should know...**

- What wisdom is.
- Why wisdom is worthy to be pursued.
- How to grow in wisdom.



### **Every student should feel...**

- Love for God who gives all wisdom.
- Satisfied and secure in the wisdom of God.
- Responsible to use their influence to live for Jesus alone.



### **Every student should strive to...**

- Read through the book of Proverbs one time each month.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.
- Repent of the ways they have not pursued God and His wisdom.



### **Every student should want...**

- To fear the Lord and keep His commandments.
- To live their lives in pursuit of true wisdom.
- To guard their heart from all impurity.

## **FAMILY WORKOUT:**

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter the truth that wisdom pursues diligence. We will pray for them to reject laziness and to practice a diligent pursuit of Christ.

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**Read Proverbs 6:6-11, 8:17, 12:24, 13:4, and 21:5 and make notes in your journal. Answer the questions below in your journal:**

- In Proverbs 6:6-11, what does a diligent pursuit of goodness look like? How is the ant an example of this?
- In Proverbs 8:17, what is the promise for the one who diligently seeks God?
- In Proverbs 12:24, what happens to those who are slothful?
- In Proverbs 13:4, compare the souls of the slothful and diligent.
- In Proverbs 21:5, compare the lives of the diligent and the hasty.

**Read and meditate on Proverbs 6:6-11, 8:17, 12:24, 13:4, and 21:5. Use the questions below to guide your meditation:**

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter what a diligent pursuit of God looks like. How can you model diligently pursuing God?
- Consider how you can discuss with your son or daughter the truth that the diligent reject laziness. How can you lead them to reject laziness?
- Ponder how to help your son or daughter choose to pursue diligence.



**Pray with your son or daughter this week.**

- Ask God to lead them to pursue Him diligently all their lives.
- Meet with your student to pray with them. Ask God to lead them to reject slothfulness and to choose diligence.



**Memorize Proverbs 10:4-5 with your son or daughter this week.**

- Write the verses on an index card and review them each day to help them remember them.
- Discuss with your son or daughter how you have diligently pursued God in your spiritual walk. Share with them some ways that they can diligently pursue God.
- Meet with your student to discuss ways that he or she can gather with others to pursue God as fellow believers. Discuss ways to encourage one another and hold one another accountable.