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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.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder the truth that wisdom is diligent. We will pray for a diligent heart and we will practice diligently seeking God.

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

- In Proverbs 6:6-11, why are we told to consider the ant? What do we learn from the ant? Make note of the traits of the ant that are commendable.
- In Proverbs 8:17, what does it mean to diligently seek God? How can one diligently seek God? What is the promise for the one who does?
- In Proverbs 12:24, what is the result for the slothful?
- In Proverbs 13:4, what is the reward for the soul of the diligent?
- In Proverbs 21:5, compare the diligent and the hasty.

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

- Ponder what it looks like to diligently seek God in your life. How can you establish the discipline of seeking Him daily?
- Consider what it looks like to work hard for the good things of the Lord. Do you work hard to know God? How can you seek to persevere in laboring for the righteousness of God?
- Ponder what it looks like to reject laziness. Do you reject laziness?



Spend time praying with your parents.

- Ask God to help you to reject laziness and to diligently pursue Him.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. Ask God to guide you to pursue the good things of the Lord.



Memorize Proverbs 4:23 this week.

- Ask your friend or parents to help you memorize the verses.
- Discuss with your parents some ways that you give into the temptation to laziness in your spiritual walk. Ask your parents to help you think of practical ways you can become more disciplined and diligent in pursuing God daily.
- Meet with your small group leader to discuss ways you can join with others in your student ministry to diligently pursue God. Discuss practical ways you have accountability and give accountability and encouragement.