

Doctrine of the Characteristics of a Slothful Person

1. The slothful person is useless in a military campaign and in gospel obedience.
 - *Judges 18:9 And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: and are ye still? Be not slothful to go, and to enter to possess the land.*
2. The slothful person places himself in bondage to others.
 - *Proverbs 12:24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.*
3. The slothful person is reluctant to follow up on his initial efforts.
 - *Proverbs 12:27 The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man is precious.*
4. The actions of the slothful person wounds self and others.
 - *Proverbs 15:19 The way of the slothful man is as an hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain.*
5. The slothful person tends to be a wasteful person.
 - *Proverbs 18:9 He also that is slothful in his work is brother to him that is a great waster.*
6. The slothful person is essentially lazy.
 - *Proverbs 19:24 A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom, and will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.*
7. The slothful person is filled with covetousness which immobilizes productive behavior.
 - *Proverbs 21:25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour.*
8. The slothful person makes irrational excuses for not doing right and working.
 - *Proverbs 22:13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets.*

9. The slothful person is too lazy to learn.

- *Proverbs 24:30 I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;*

10. The slothful person loves to sleep all the day long.

- *Proverbs 26:14 As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed.*

11. The slothful person makes no effort to protect the interests of others.

- *Matthew 25:26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:*

12. The Christian is commanded not to be slothful or lazy in business or faith.

- *Romans 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;*
- *Hebrews 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*