

South Salem Sunday night series...

# PROVERBS

exceptional wisdom for a successful life

A scenic landscape at sunrise or sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by a large, dark tree on the right. The sky is a mix of blue and orange. The foreground is a field of tall, dry grasses. The word "PROVERBS" is written in large, bold, yellow, 3D-style letters across the middle of the image.

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Wisdom goes to Work

*'Work' – is it a dirty word?*

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## Understanding Proverbs:

- The Language: poetic parallelism
- 'Universally true but not true universally'
- Proverbs are concise
- Proverbs are **BLACK** and **WHITE**

“A proverb is a concise, memorable saying, usually in poetic form, expressing a generally accepted observation about life as filtered through biblical revelation.”

Robert McCabe

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## I. Why Worry about Work?

a. God works

b. We are all made to work

Genesis 2:15; 3:17-19; Ephesians 4:28; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-10

c. We all work at something...



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## II. The Slothful Sluggard

a. Does the Bible make fun of the sluggard?

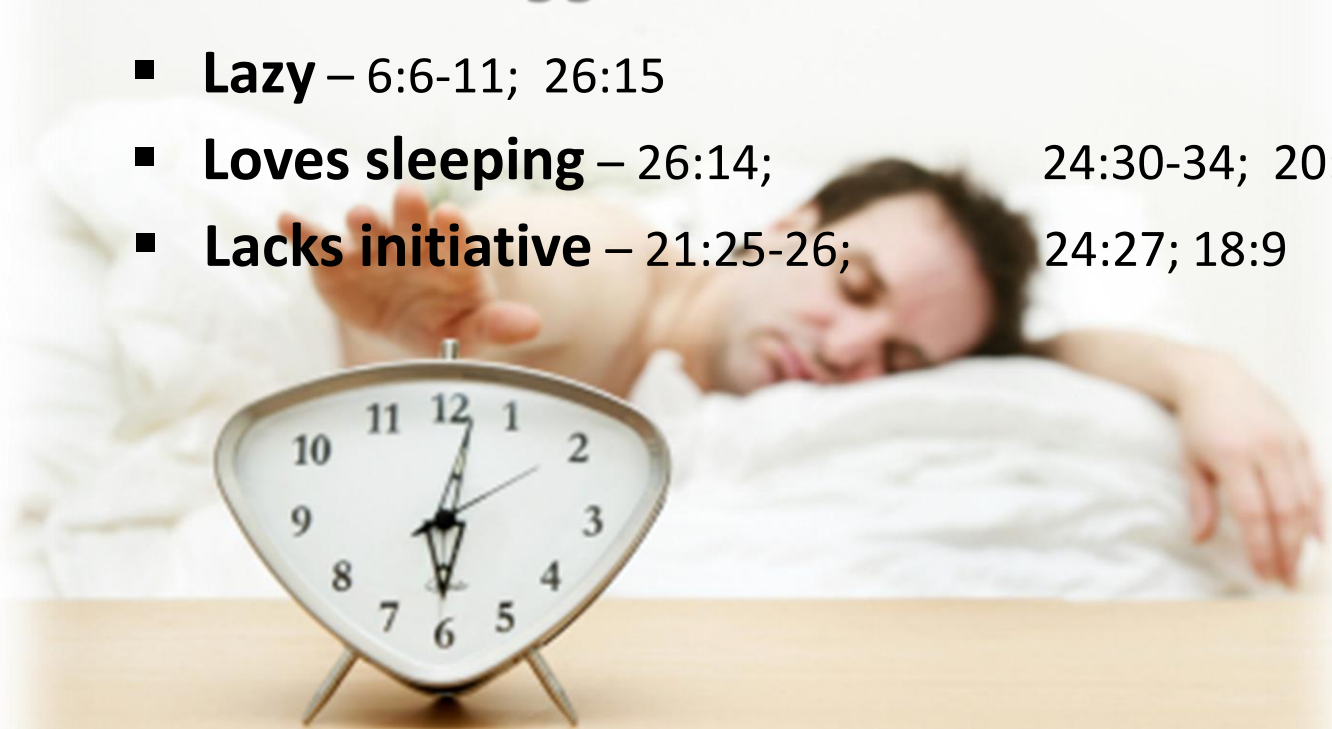


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- **Big Plans** – 13:4; 26:16; 14:23
- **Big on Excuses** – 22:13; 20:4; 10:4





There's a lion  
outside!

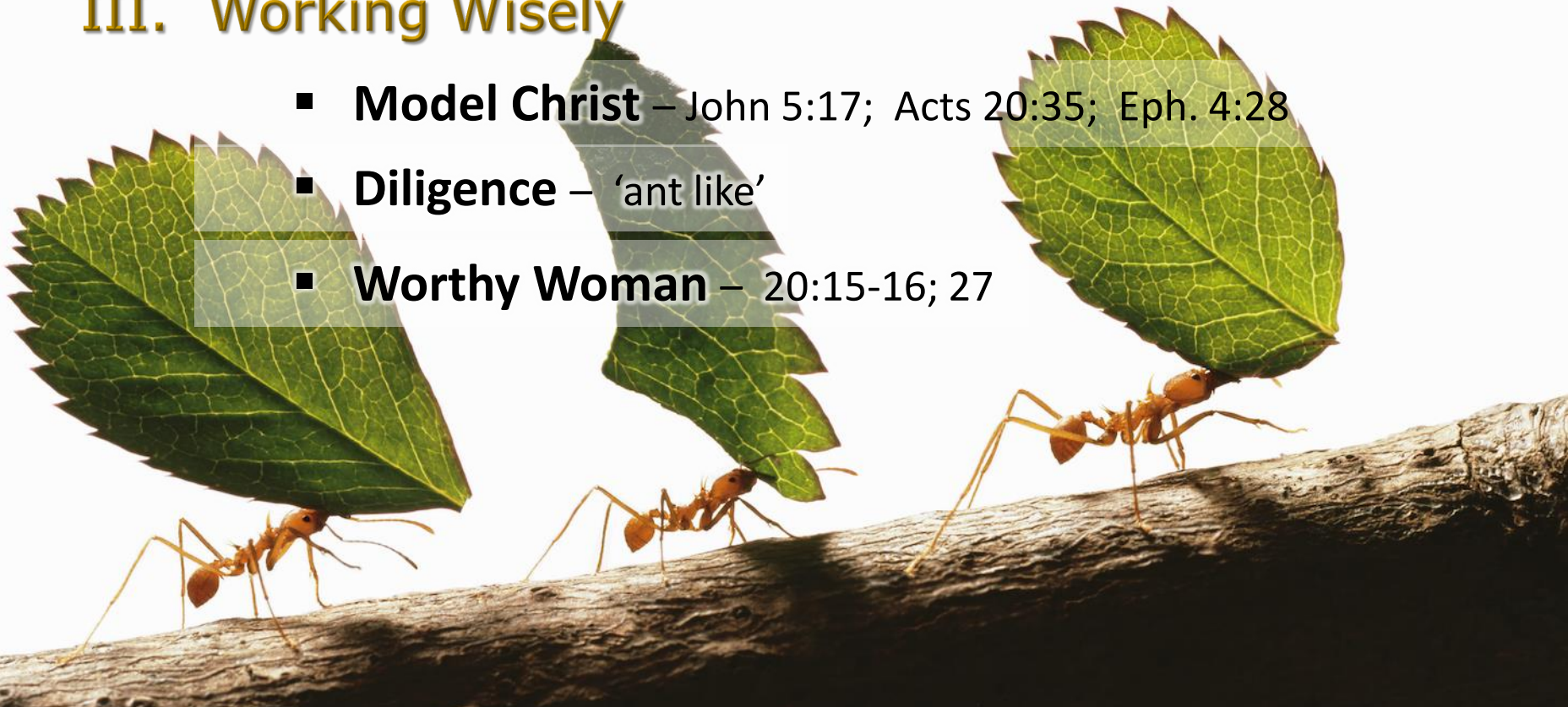
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- **Plans his work**  
**Works his plan** – 21:5; 24:27





**Are you being a sluggard?**



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*“Whatever you do, **do your work heartily**, as for the Lord rather than for men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance.*

***It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.”***

Colossians 3:23, 24