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DEALING WITH LAZINESS

"abundance shall be in each good work/in every good work. Soothly where full many words be, there neediness is oft (Truly, where there be a great many words, there often is neediness, or lack, or want)" Proverbs 14:23 (Wycliffe Bible)

We have looked at the matter of laziness and how it leads to poverty. Though there seem to be more causes of a man's poverty, laziness is doubtlessly a core reason many are poor. To be lazy is suicidal to MACHAIRA

destiny. Many great people lost their relevance and the "best" they became was average because of laziness. Make a decision to be the best God wants you to be. Greatness doesn't just happen, you have to be diligent with what God has entrusted to you. Your prosperity is in what God has given to you, work diligently with it. There is profit in labour and not empty talk. You have to intentionally deal with laziness.

To deal with laziness you must take note of the following (they are not according to any order).

1. To deal with laziness you need to be conscious or mindful of your vision.

Some conclude that laziness is a physical thing. I don't disagree but it is first a mindset problem. If you can change your mindset you can change your laziness problem. How has your vision (which is God-driven) saturated your mind. When you set your mind on your vision and become passionate about it, you will be diligent to work towards it. It will define and influence your attitude-set. Where

there is no vision, there is no reason to live. Our Lord Jesus always worked because he was conscious and mindful of His vision here on Earth. Every vision also has a time line. Though we have eternal life and God's vision for us to make an eternal impact, we live in time and the completeness of our vision is time bound. Jesus said, "All of us must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent me, for there is little time left before the night falls and all work comes to an end." John 9:4 (TLB).

This is why you must have a sense of urgency. There is no time for laziness as long the vision of God in our heart is concern.

2. Be conscious of your Identity

This is similar to the first point, since they all have some thing to do with MINDSET. Your vision influences your mindset and your identity also influences your mindset. Your identity is who you are. Your vision is where you are going. I first addressed vision because there are people who

know they are Kings, yet have no vision. Nevertheless, your identity-crisis can affect how you work towards your vision. You were not created to be lazy. God made you to be productive. God made you unto good works and fruitfulness (Ephesians 2:10). Don't accept any negative thought that you are lazy and you can't do anything about it.

"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)

You might have cultivated lazy habit, but God did not create you to be lazy. You were designed by God to be a blessing. Cultivate that mindset of who you truly are until it dominates your emotions. Say it to yourself, "I am not lazy!"; "I am productive and diligent".

3. Set daily targets.

You measure your effectiveness on daily basis. Daily targets or goals help you know how you are working towards your vision. It also helps you develop consistent routine and productive habits.

How many chapters of the Bible will you read daily?

How many chapters of a book will you read?

How many hours will you pray daily?

What are you going to do everyday towards your vision or business or ministry or assignment?

Breaking your vision into daily goals and targets will help you, make the right choices within the day.

4. Commit your plans to the Lord in prayer and remain diligent.

"Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established." Proverbs 16:3 (NKJV)

With the direction and help of the Lord, you can achieve your goals. Always have this in mind that, without the Lord you can do nothing. And as the Lord inspires you, on how to work towards your goals, BE DILIGENT!

When you plan to pray at a particular time of the day, be diligent to pray at that time. Don't use that time to watch a funny clip or engage in an unprofitable conversation with your friends. Don't decide to sleep when you should be reading. Be determined and diligent to complete your daily target.

5. Take care of yourself.

The body is not a machine. Even when you over use or misuse a machine, it will breakdown.

"It is senseless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, fearing you will starve to death; for God wants his loved ones to get their proper rest." Psalm 127:2 (TLB).

It will surprise you to know that, people who have lazy habits don't even rest. A diligent person makes time to rest. When a lazy person should be resting, he or she will be surfing the internet (moving from one app to the next social app). And will end up having a limited time to rest. Plan your sleep, so

that you can be up at the right time. Having a good sleep as you have planned will help you physically, mentally and emotionally. Have enough sleep (not oversleeping) will help your mind and body function effectively. Be a good steward of your body. Make time to exercise (make time to run, walk, skip etc). And also eat right. Plan your diet, or eat with moderation.

Beloved, Dear friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and are in good health, just as your whole life is going well. 3 John 2 (CSB)

Selah

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(John 9:4; Proverbs 28:19; Ecclesiastes 5:3; Proverbs 12:11; Ecclesiastes 9:10; John 4:34)

WE PRAY

That we will walk in the consciousness of our vision and identity with discipline and diligence to see the manifestation of God's blessing.

BIBLE READING IN THE YEAR 2023

Day 167: Job 26-28

DECLARE THESE WORDS:

- I stay on course.
- I achieve my goals for today.
- I remain conscious of my vision.
- I refuse to be lazy.
- I don't make excuses.
- I take steps now.
- I walk in diligent everyday.
- I do everything with diligence and a strong sense of urgency.
- I don't give my attention and time to things which doesn't add value to my life.
- I AM DILIGENT.

Hallelujah!!!