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Proverbs 4:4 *“Lazy hands make a man poor,
but diligent hands bring wealth”*

Proverbs 12:27 *“The lazy man does not roast his game,
but the diligent man prizes his possessions”*

2 Thessalonians 3:6 *“In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers, to keep away from every brother who is idle and does not live according to the teaching you received from us”*

‘Bone idle’, ‘workshy’, ‘couch potato’ are derogatory terms used to describe those who are thought to be not pulling their weight. The Old Testament in particular is full of the dangers and disadvantages of being lazy. It is implied that God wants us to apply ourselves diligently to his ways rather than expect Him to sort everything out for us.

Paul writing to the Thessalonian church urged Christians to avoid a trend of sitting back, not being righteous to the stressed, oppressed and depressed but merely waiting for the second coming of Christ to put everything right.

The message is clear for us. We have to work at our faith all the time and seek to follow God’s path diligently rather than sit back and live mindlessly.