

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Proverbs 6:6-11

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ **DAY 1**

Read Proverbs 6:6-11

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined>. Commands are double-underlined>. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

6 Go to the ant, O sluggard,
 Observe her ways and be wise,
7 Which, having no chief,
 Officer or ruler,
8 Prepares her food in the summer
 And gathers her provision in the harvest.

9 How long will you lie down, O sluggard?
 When will you arise from your sleep?

10 “A little sleep, a little slumber,
 A little folding of the hands to rest” —

11 Your poverty will come in like a vagabond
 And your need like an armed man.

- 1) Read Proverbs 6 in its entirety. Who is this proverb addressed to? Who is likely writing this proverb?

- 2) What are the themes of the proverb as a whole? What is the author seeking to impart upon his son?

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7) What is to be gained from observing the ways of the ant?

❖ **DAY 2**

Read Proverbs 6:6-11 again.

8) What is the connection of verses 7-9 to the previous verse?

9) What two-step process does the ant do every year?

10) Which aspect of the ant's work is specifically noted in verse 7?

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11) What is the point of including this piece of description? What does it communicate about the ant?

12) How can the son learn from the ant? Which lesson does the author want his son to learn from her?

13) What two questions does the author pose to the sluggard?

14) What do these verses identify as the sluggard's main problem?

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15) How can you “observe” the ways of the ant and learn from her? How can you apply this wisdom your life right now?

❖ **DAY 3**

Read Proverbs 6:6-11 again.

16) The NASB has quotation marks around verse 10. How would this make verse 10 different than the rest of the passage?

17) Who do you think is speaking in verse 10?

18) What two things will come to the sluggard as a result of his current attitude?

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19) How will poverty come in? How will his need come in?

20) What does it mean that his poverty and need will come in this way?

21) What does the son need to do to avoid this result?

22) How would you summarize the principles taught in this passage?

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23) List other Scriptures that teach similar principles to this passage. How do they reinforce and/or build upon the teaching of Proverbs 6?

24) How have you seen the principles of Proverbs 6:6-11 in practice in your life?

This week, pray that God would help us reject the temptation towards sloth and laziness, to pursue diligence and hard work. Thank Him for the stewardship he has given us to work and His grace to be able to provide for ourselves.