



“He becomes poor that deals with a slack hand, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. He that gathers in summer is a wise son, but he that sleeps in harvest is a son that causes shame.” Proverbs 10:4 – 5

Because the Scripture is a living book it’s passages may speak to spiritual as well as natural living, to national and personal issues; to temporal as well as eternal matters – all at the same time! “For the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12 NASB)

It is always wise to begin by taking the Scripture at face value and endeavor to implement it’s directives as if Jesus is speaking to us personally. As you read the pages of the Bible ask the Holy Spirit Who is the divine Guide to reveal any specific application to you for your life.

These verses in Proverbs clearly instruct us to be diligent workers in our every day living. They encourage us that hard and industrious work will produce riches and honour, while the opposite attitudes of laziness and indolence will bring about poverty and shame. That is the face value meaning of these verses and it is wise to observe their admonitions.

But we may also make practical application with these verses to Jesus’ commission to every believer – “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15) Sharing our faith also takes effort and practice. If you are not a natural at personal evangelism, that is not an acceptable excuse to be used to avoid sharpening your witness. Every Christian is under divine orders to proclaim the Gospel – somehow!

The hour of harvest is here! The fields are ripe unto harvest. Your generation has only one way to hear the Good News – they need to hear it from you! To sleep in this hour will bring tears on the Great Day! Be a wise son; learn how to share your faith in Christ. A lost world is awaiting your diligent effort for in Jesus name!

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