



“If you love sleep, you’ll come to poverty; get up early and get with the program. Then you’ll have what you and your family need for living.” Proverbs 20:13 Author’s paraphrase.

Life does not owe you a living.

Someone has to pay the expenses of life. Don’t be deceived – the government isn’t responsible for you either – unless of course you want some bureaucrat somewhere to dictate how and where you live!

We are living in what might be called, not the Age of Enlightenment, but the Age of Entitlement. There is an ever, not so subtle undermining of society, that expects others to pay our way; that somehow I am owed a living. This attitude is like a cancer and as a cancer will soon bring death to any society that doesn’t treat it quickly and radically.

Hard work produces self esteem and the sort of pride that is honest and upright. This work ethic produces productive and healthy communities. When people work they have little time for idleness which can produce all sorts of evils. Hard work also produces prosperity that elevates the condition of all.

“The just shall live by faith.”

An often grave misunderstanding about the life of faith is that some believe that living by faith is living without hard work or effort. This is the farthest thing from the truth. Those who live by faith are typically the hardest of workers; they are extremely faithful in their giving and most diligent in the things concerning the house of the Lord.

“So son, get up! Get up early and get on with the program! You’ll always then have enough for your family and enough to be a blessing to others!”

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