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## ANNUAL FASTING AND PRAYER DOMINION OVER LAZINESS.

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Text: Proverbs 13:4-5

[4]The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made rich.

[5]A righteous man hates lying, But a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame.

Introduction: Let's start with the definition of lazy:

It means unwilling to work or use energy.

Laziness and procrastination go hand in hand.

Procrastination means delaying, postponing something or putting off something, especially something requiring immediate attention.

The lazy man desires what hard working people want: house, food, vacations, money for college and retirement. But the lazy man's desires remain unsatisfied, while the diligent gain wealth.

Lazy man works only when he feels like working not when he supposed to work.

Another kind of laziness is when you are not bother to get along with other co-workers.

Some just don't go to work regularly.

Proverbs 26:16

[16]The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes Than seven men who can answer sensibly.

Paul was talking to the Ephesian elders in

Acts 20:34-35

[34]Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.

[35]I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

If you don't have dominion over laziness and procrastination you will not be able to give, you will always expect people to give you.

Laziness is an enemy to your purpose.

We must be especially careful not to put God off or what He has required of us.

To live our purpose out fully, we must avoid laziness and procrastination.

Serving God requires us to be willing and obedient to His will as referenced in Isaiah 1:19.

Many start out on fire for God, but somewhere down the line, slack up as if God is not important in their personal lives. We can be smart, intelligent and have a heart to please God; but laziness can lead to being late on assignments, late to engagements and even not accomplishing assignments.

The enemy (Satan) does not want us to do the will of God and live a life of victory. Satan wants to stifle, halt and even kill productivity in God's Kingdom.

John 10:10 says, the enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy; But, God came to give us life more abundantly.

Laziness is a sure way the enemy uses to bring anxiety, steal joy and defeat purpose.

Don't let the enemy have what God has promised.



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First, recognize and acknowledge that laziness smoothers all sense of motivation and purpose. Proverbs 21:25 says, "Despite their desires, the lazy will come to ruin, for their hands refuse to work". Ecclesiastes 10:18 says, "Laziness leads to a sagging roof; idleness leads to a leaky house." Laziness is an enemy to not only your purpose, but to living a productive life.

Remember, God is greater! Determine to be delivered from laziness and procrastination. Negative self-talk has to change: Our thoughts and internal dialogue has to reflect God's truth about us and the situations of life.

Never be afraid of hard work. Whatever God is requiring of us, know that He has equipped us to do it. Even if we learn as we go; in which we learn to depend on God so much more. When we can't see it, know that God would not allow more on us that we can bear. It is also important to resist the temptation to feel guilty if an unseen situation arises making it impossible to complete all scheduled assignments. Continue to persevere day by day. Don't misuse time and sit in idleness, wasting time. Find more Scriptures in the Bible to rehearse in your spirit. There is nothing too hard for God, if we are willing and obedient.

Defeat laziness and procrastination with the Word by the Power of the Holy Ghost. Then, walk in your full God-given purpose.