

(sermon notes)

Lessons from a Neglected Vineyard

- Proverbs 24:30-34

1) Be willing to _____ for things that matter.

“He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely, but he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully.” (Prov. 10:5)

“The desire of the sluggard puts him to death, for his hands refuse to work.” (Prov. 21:25)

“As the door turns on its hinges, so does the sluggard on his bed.” (Prov. 26:14)

“...if anyone is unwilling to work, then he is not to eat either.” (2 Thess. 3:10)

“...moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor—it is the gift of God.” (Ecc. 3:13)

“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men....” (Col. 3:23)

2) Apply your heart to _____ at all times.

“I passed by...the vineyard of the man lacking sense.” (v. 30)

“When I saw, I reflected upon it; I looked, and received instruction.” (v. 32)

“Make your ear attentive to wisdom, incline your heart to understanding.” (Prov. 2:2)

3) Keep the _____ pulled regularly.

“...it was completely overgrown with thistles; its surface was covered with nettles....” (v. 31a)

4) Keep the _____ maintained.

“...And its stone wall was broken down.” (v. 31b)

“Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that are ruining the vineyards, while our vineyards are in blossom.” (Song of Solomon 2:15, see Isaiah 5:5))

5) _____ before it's too late!

“A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, then your poverty will come as a robber and your want like an armed man.” (vv. 33-34)

