

## **“WORK, PART 1: DILIGENCE”**

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### **Proverbs 13:4**

The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.

### **Proverbs 26:12-16**

Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

The sluggard says, “There is a lion in the road! There is a lion in the streets!”

As a door turns on its hinges, so does a sluggard on his bed.

The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; it wears him out to bring it back to his mouth.

The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can answer sensibly.

### **Proverbs 21:25-26**

The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor.

All day long he craves and craves, but the righteous gives and does not hold back.

### **Questions:**

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1. When have you witnessed ambition as a blessing?
2. What is the work God has called you to do? Name important areas of your life where you sense your need for diligence right now. How are you tempted to just go through the motions instead of engaging deeply?
3. Is it hard for you to say no? When is saying no wise?
4. How much do you care about the things you should care about?
5. With which of the habits of the diligent do you most struggle (beginning things, finishing things, facing things, blessing others)?
6. Where do you see the diligence of God at work in your life?