

**“Killing Sloth”**

*Sermon Notes*

- **If we don't get a vision for putting sloth to death, then sloth will be the death of our 2020 Vision**

*Sloth (def.) -*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ eats mission and vision for breakfast  
*through...*
  - \_\_\_\_\_
    - getting \_\_\_\_\_ (6:6-11; 26:14)
    - following \_\_\_\_\_ (12:27; 19:24; 26:15)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (24:30-34)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ (22:13; 26:13; Matthew 25:26)
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is a flame that keeps mission and vision burning  
*Hot for...(Romans 12:11)*
  - Christian \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 5:11; 6:11-12; 10:24-25)
  
  - conflict \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 12:12-14a)
  
  - personal \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 12:12-14)
  
  - personal \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 4:2-6)

**Next Week: Various Proverbs - “Killing Greed” - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Community Group Study Guide**  
For the Week of March 19<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

1. Read Proverbs 6:6-11.

- a. Solomon speaks to the sluggard officially, but who is he really talking to? (See Proverbs 1:4-5)
- b. Why is it that the ant doesn't need a ruler to do what is required, but the sluggard does?
- c. The summer referred to in verse 8 is harvest time. Why does the ant have to prepare her bread then rather than later?
- d. Who provides the food for the ant? For the sluggard? Why is work necessary?
- e. The sluggard doesn't intend to rest forever (see verse 10). How many missed opportunities are required for disaster to strike?
- f. In the end, what is it that the sluggard lacks? Riches, or necessities? (See verse 11) Please explain your answer.

2. Read Proverbs 24:29-34.

- a. Has work been done at some time to make the vineyard productive? Why is it in such a sorry state?
- b. What is the nature of the marauder that has destroyed the sluggard's possessions? Does this indicate that the sluggard has been the object of Divine judgment? Why or why not? (See Genesis 3:17-19; Isaiah 34:13; Hosea 9:6; Zephaniah 2:9)
- c. How does the sage's response (Proverbs 24:32) differ from the sluggard's (Proverbs 24:30)?
- d. Compare the sluggard's behavior (Proverbs 24:33) with the expected behavior of a farmer (See Isaiah 28:24-27).

3. Read Proverbs 26:13-16.

- a. How much movement do you see the sluggard doing in verse 13? What is it that prevents him from leaving the house? Is his fear rational? Does he have anything to fear from staying in the house instead of going to work? Please explain.
- b. How much movement do you see the sluggard doing in verse 14? What is it that prevents him from leaving his bed?
- c. How much movement do you see him doing in verse 15? What is it that prevents him from lifting his hand to his mouth? Is this a physical problem? Why or why not? Do you think he

needs a pill? How will he take it?  
d. What do you think of the sluggard's  
self-assessment of his situation in  
verse 16? (See also Proverbs 26:5,  
12)

4. Since pride is not simply one of the seven deadly sins, but rather it is the soil in which the seeds of the other six grow: how does pride give rise to sloth?