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consider its ways and be wise!
- ⁷ It has no commander,
no overseer or ruler,
- ⁸ yet it stores its provisions in summer
and gathers its food at harvest.
- ⁹ How long will you lie there, you sluggard?
When will you get up from your sleep?
- ¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to rest—
- ¹¹ and poverty will come on you like a thief
and scarcity like an armed man.

Proverbs 6

#1. FOCUS ON THE PRIZE

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- ⁶ The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.

2 Timothy 2

- ¹⁹ Those who work their land will have abundant food,
but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty.

Proverbs 28

#2. BEWARE OF THE PUNISHMENT

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²⁴ 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.'

Matthew 7

#3. WORK FOR THE RIGHT PERSON

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²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favour, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share a time when your diligence and hard work rewarded you or brought about a good outcome.

OR

Share a time when your laziness caused something negative to happen.

2. What is the Christian motivation for diligence? In which specific areas of your life do you need to remind yourself that it is the Lord Christ you are serving?

3. What is one small action that you want to start doing regularly to accumulate success? How can your cell group members support and monitor your progress?