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a little folding of the hands

"how long will you slumber, o sluggard? when will you rise from your sleep? a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep" prov 6:9-10

(the following was drawn from a message by jonathan cahn)

we live in a culture of lazy convenience. in days past you had to hunt for chicken. now you just drive up to a window and the chicken comes in a paper bag with fries and a coke. too much trouble to turn on the television? use the remote control. too much trouble to turn off the lights? clap your hands!

but godly people should be adverse to laziness -- not lazy in prayer, in quiet time or in righteousness. proverbs 15 says "the way of the lazy is as a hedge of thorns, but the way of the upright (or the righteous) is a highway." what does that mean? it means that the lazy are not righteous and the righteous are not lazy.

the righteous are zealous for God. they are active, diligent, and blessed. the lazy are not. are you experiencing the blessings God promised in His word? are you setting your heart to become diligent in prayer, in ministry, in the Word, in love and in all things? if so, you will be blessed. for the blessings of the Lord are for the diligent, not the lazy.

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over achievers get all the medals, win all the prizes and get all the recognition. over comers will obtain the greatest prize of all. and the recognition? "well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. enter into the joy of your Lord." matt 25:23 could anyone ask for a greater recognition than that?

"but without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." heb 11:6 yes, we must all be diligent if we are to receive the blessing; the inheritance - diligent in our pursuit of God.

how often during the day do your thoughts turn to Jesus? i recognize i am retired and have more time on my hands and i know there are things that must be done daily, whether working or not. but when you have those few seconds throughout the day, what do you let your thoughts turn to? the weather? sports? the news? i would that you would turn them to Jesus first. you are His first thoughts.

it's called fellowship. "and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ." 1 john 1:3 the more time we spend with Him the more we are "transformed by the renewing of our mind."

make time for Jesus today. He made time for you two thousand years ago. He suffered so He might have that fellowship with you. don't be lazy with your Lord.

