



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

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Poor is he who works with a **negligent and idle hand**,
But the hand of the diligent
makes him rich.

Many other translations put the word 'lazy' or 'slothful' instead of the word 'Slack'. But actually 'slack' is the best word (speaking as an English professor), because it also allows us to understand that **this means a mental condition first, and then it becomes a physical and life condition. So I learned that I was not only lazy and slothful, but more importantly, and first and foremost, I was not diligent enough to please God! I was in fact....'Slack!'**

The slimy **Slack** surely and shockingly and severely shook me up. As the scripture dawned on me, and penetrated my mind and heart, my face actually went red, my jaw dropped and I began to realise 'Oh My Lord, may God forgive me.'

Proverbs 10: 4 He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame. KJV

God bless you! Why on earth are we talking about the 'Slack hand?' We have heard about the 'Black hand' and the 'Green Hand' and the 'Red Hand'. **

more below) and I realised something very shocking;



I had a slack hand.

What could I do about this terrible condition? **Once I realised I had it, I suddenly felt like I had cancer or some other serious illness, for indeed I did.** In the process of praying about it I will share what I think a Slack Hand means to me, and hopefully it will both shock and encourage you.

The same verse of proverbs 10:4 tells us in this way:



The reason we are talking about the Slack Hand in this issue, is because God suddenly told me this week to look up the words 'Slack Hand'! And here is the first verse at the top of the page!

I began to study these verses (

Slackness or being slack and having a slack hand, is a state of mind. This state of mind, if we have it, is something that affects us in EVERYTHING we do!

- I am not diligent in my ministry and pay attention to some/all the checks the Lord may be giving me. Stuff

I need to take care of before something else worse happens. I do not take action on it quick enough because I have a slack hand!

- I am slack in my prayer life and have not scheduled time daily or at specific times to pray and pray earnestly over the problems facing me, or situations in the world or with my family. I let all that slide and don't stop to acknowledge the Lord in all my ways **enough**.
- I promise to uphold someone in prayer and often forget or put it off.
- I don't seek the Lord about an individual the Lord is telling me to seek Him concerning how to communicate with him/her.
- I have not kept diligent **enough** records of my daily and monthly expenses, so I know exactly where my own funds are going; where our missions funds are going and to whom and how often. I don't go over things with a fine tooth comb **enough**.
- I have a slack hand to foresee the evil and get ahead of it so it won't hit me or our ministry. I am not looking ahead as the Bible exhorts me to do. I am living only and too much in the present.
- I buy stuff I don't really need and didn't pray about getting.

Of course I could excuse myself to God saying, 'well I am old(er) now, 70 years have come to me and my health is weak at times, and I can barely physically walk some days now, or I am tired', but deep down, I know if I would stop and work on my own mind by asking the Holy Spirit for help, then things could be a lot more diligent.

I see in Proverbs 10:4 that a slack hand causes poverty. Could I be richer if I had not this slack hand?



Could our ministry be reaching millions instead of thousands if my little team and I took more time to pray and seek God **desperately** for breakthroughs and open doors? I am sure the answer to these questions is yes.

WHAT THE SLACK HAND MAY BE DOING TO YOU

Having a slack hand will lead you to poverty. You will buy a property at a normal or high price and sell it for a lower price over time. You will not look at details. You will not pay attention to the voice of God warning you of something or someone. You won't stop to listen. **You will just go on 'hoping' everything will turn out fine, because you believe you are the head and not the tail, and that is enough!**

You will not be more fully aware of what is happening with your children and what is going on in their lives.

You will completely misread what is happening in the world because you have been propagandised by the worldly media as to what

you should believe. You have not sought the Lord for the truth about what is REALLY going on in the world.



You will not understand the importance of teamwork, cooperation and unity, because you are wrapped up in your own world and mindsets, instead of God's world and His mindsets.

You will have stopped giving to true missions because you have like me, not gone over your finances and assets with a fine tooth comb and asked God to help you not have a slack hand!

These are just a few things you can have prayer about. When God hit me with the 'you have a slack hand' message this week, as I said, my face went red, I trembled like Belshazzar (Daniel 5) and my jaw dropped. The writing is on the wall for me, brethren, but I am determined by God's grace to change, starting from NOW! May the Lord deliver me and all of us from the 'Slack Hand'.

If this message strikes you and your face goes red, your heart has palpitations, these are good signs. **Seek the Lord today before it is too late. Set your house, your family and your affairs in order.** Surely in the coming floods of great waters it will be a different story! Amen? God bless you.

Psalm 32:6
THIS IS A WARNING! DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT NOW. TOMORROW WILL BE TOO LATE!

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Other great verses.

Deuteronomy 23:21

When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. *(The first warning in the Bible about **not** having a Slack Hand.)*

Deuteronomy 7: 9

Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; **(The Lord never has a slack hand, does He?)**

10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: **he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.**

11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

Joshua 18: 2

And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance.

3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, **How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?**

4 Give out from among you three men for each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and they shall come again to me. *(Ask God how you can apply verse 3 to your lives. Notice this is a great example of 1. a problem or situation, 2. the answer from God's Leader, and 3. specific instructions how to solve it.)*

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Proverbs 12:24

The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute. *(choose where*

you want to be!)

Proverbs 22:29

Seest thou a man **diligent** in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men. *(one of my all time favourite Bible verses)*

Luke 16:10

He that is **faithful** in that which is least is **faithful** also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Hebrews 11: 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

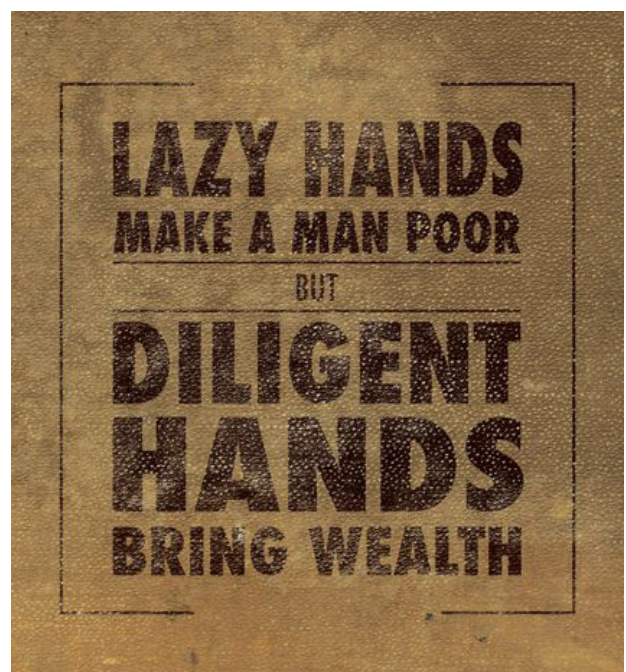


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10 FINALLY, MY BRETHREN, BE STRONG IN THE LORD, AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT.

EPHESIANS 6:10

11 PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO STAND AGAINST THE WILES OF THE DEVIL.

12 FOR WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES, AGAINST POWERS, AGAINST THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD, AGAINST SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES.

13 WHEREFORE TAKE UNTO YOU THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND IN THE EVIL DAY, AND HAVING DONE ALL, TO STAND.

14 STAND THEREFORE, HAVING YOUR LOINS GIRT ABOUT WITH TRUTH, AND HAVING ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHT-EOUSNESS;

15 AND YOUR FEET SHOD WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE;

16 ABOVE ALL, TAKING THE SHIELD OF FAITH, WHEREWITH YE SHALL BE ABLE TO QUENCH ALL THE FIERY DARTS OF THE WICKED.

17 AND TAKE THE HELMET OF SALVATION, AND THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD:

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