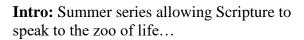
## Message Outline

My Life Feels Like a Zoo: A Lesson from an Ant

## **Proverbs 6:6-11**



| <b>v.6</b> —What do you observe about ants? |  |
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**v.6-11**—A little ant in contrast to lazybones...

• Value of work in God's world...

## A View from the Zoo: Ant Edition

• God's left His lessons in creation (cf. Ps.19:1-2, Rom.1:20)...ants included!

• Take a hike: "go/walk" and "see/consider" lessons living around us (v.6)...

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- Finding God's rhythm between work and rest our quest for 2019 Word of Year...
- God's good design for work (Jn.5:17, Gen.2:15, Col.3:23-24)...
- Work ethic in America...
- Work ethic among ants...
  - a) D\_\_\_\_\_\_ Workforce (v.6)
    -Every ant has task/skill to
    contribute to colony...same with
    church!
  - b) No D\_\_\_\_\_ Oversight (v.7)
    -Doing a job well even if no one is
    watching or noticing (Col.3:23ff.).
  - c) D\_\_\_\_\_(Work hard!) v.8
    -Work ethic: show up, purposeful
    work, good pace, put in time...
  - -Daniel's diligence (Dan.6:1-4)... d) D\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gratification (v.8)
    - -Ant and grasshopper...day of reckoning reveals the working (cf. Mt.25:14-30)!

## Proverbs 6:6-11 NLT

<sup>6</sup> Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones.

Learn from their ways and become wise!

<sup>7</sup> Though they have no prince

or governor or ruler to make them work,

8 they labor hard all summer,

gathering food for the winter.

<sup>9</sup>But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep?

When will you wake up?

<sup>10</sup> A little extra sleep, a little more slumber,

a little folding of the hands to rest—

on you like a bandit; scarcity will attack you like an armed robber.