

Message Outline
My Life Feels Like a Zoo:
A Lesson from an Ant
Proverbs 6:6-11



Intro: Summer series allowing Scripture to speak to the zoo of life...

v.6—What do you observe about ants?

v.6-11—A little ant in contrast to lazybones...

- Value of work in God's world...

A View from the Zoo: Ant Edition

1) _____

- 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)...

2) _____

- 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

⁶ Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones.

Learn from their ways and become wise!

⁷ Though they have no prince

or governor or ruler to make them work,

⁸ they labor hard all summer,

gathering food for the winter.

⁹ But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep?

When will you wake up?

¹⁰ A little extra sleep, a little more slumber,

a little folding of the hands to rest—

¹¹ then poverty will pounce on you like a bandit;

scarcity will attack you like an armed robber.