

WISDOM THAT WORKS...FOR WORK
Proverbs 6:6–11

APPLYING WISDOM THAT WORKS FOR WORK

1. Look to the ant
2. Don't be the sluggard
3. Glorify God in whatever you do

Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study

For Starters: What has been your experience with ants? Many of us would call the Orkin man, recall stories of bites, or be creeped out. But here Solomon calls us to look to the ant. Let's dive into the life of the ant and her work ethic.

The Basics: Read Proverbs 6:6–11. What are some principles Solomon prescribes for wisdom that works for work? How can you *honor* the Lord with your work? Why is work an act of worship, expected for all Christians?

Quick-Fire Round

1. Read Colossians 3:23, Ephesians 4:28, Proverbs 12:11, and Proverbs 13:4. What are the principles of work you see in these passages? What should this look like?
2. Read Proverbs 6:6–8. We see the example of the ant. What can we learn from the ant when it comes to our work?
3. Read Proverbs 6:9–11 and 24:30–34. We see the example of the sluggard. How would you define a sluggard? What does the sluggard do that Solomon warns us against? What was the outcome of his actions? How would you apply this to your context today?
4. Reread Colossians 3:23. God calls to do all we do—especially work—as though we are doing it for the Lord. Consider what you do. As an application step, make a list of all you do throughout your day, the things you enjoy and the things you dislike, and consider how you can do all of these for the Lord.

Prayer: *Father, in my work life help me to consider how I can do my work to your glory alone. Even in the things I don't like to do, God, I need your help to complete them with your kingdom in mind.*