

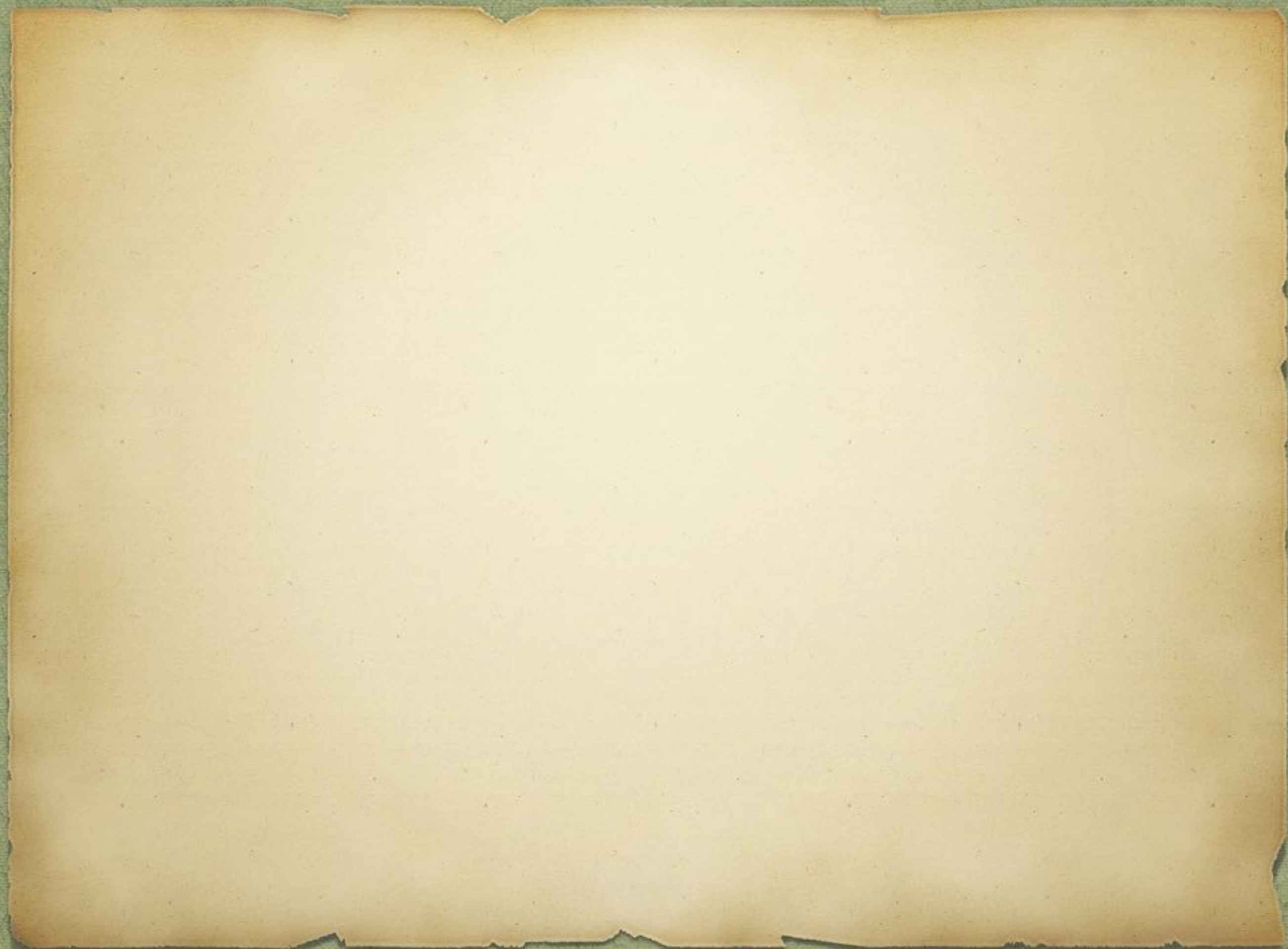
Real Wisdom for Real Life



Little by Little!

[Discovering the Joy of Diligence]

Proverbs



Diligence vs Laziness

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Revelation 5:10

[You] have made us kings and
priests to our God; and
we shall reign on the earth.”

Proverbs 6:6-8

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Am I a self-starter?

Proverbs 10:2

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Do I irritate my boss?

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Material:

Proverbs 24:30-31

I went by the field of the lazy *man*, and by the vineyard of the man devoid of understanding; and there it was, all overgrown with thorns; its surface was covered with nettles; its stone wall was broken down.

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**How well do I maintain my
property?**

Proverbs 12:27a

The lazy *man* does not roast
what he took in hunting.

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Do I finish projects?

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Financial:

Proverbs 28:19

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Am I attentive?

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Do I oversleep, under-exercise, or overeat?

Do I make excuses?

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Educational:

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Educational:

Do I read/study regularly?

1 Chronicles 12:32

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How often do I
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Do I usually assume
I'm right, or do I
listen to others?

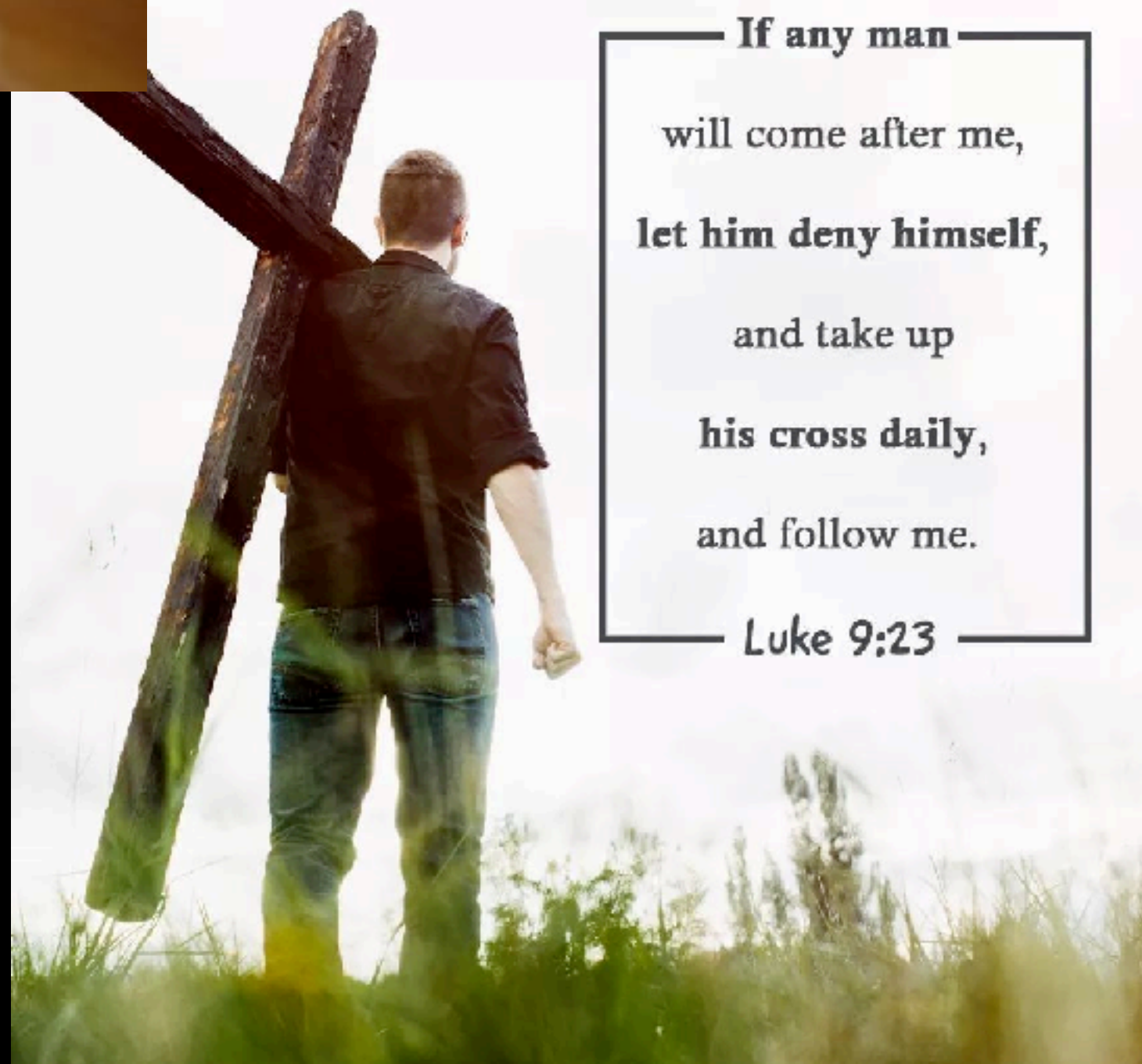
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Spiritual/Missional:



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**Laziness is
prioritizing
my comfort
over God's
call.**



**— If any man —
will come after me,
let him deny himself,
and take up
his cross daily,
and follow me.**

— Luke 9:23 —

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Spiritual/Missional:

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Spiritual/Missional:

**Am I more zealous for
Christ or my own comfort?**

Proverbs 22:13

The lazy *man* says, “*There is a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets!*”

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Do I make excuses to
rationalize my choices?

The Poison of Laziness:

Proverbs 21:25-26

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Proverbs 24:12

If you say, “Surely we did not
know this,” does not He who
weighs the hearts consider *it*?
He who keeps your soul, does
He *not* know *it*? and will
He *not* render to *each* man
according to his deeds?

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He who is slothful in his work is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.

Proverbs 18:9

Proverbs 12:24

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Focus on the goal

Proverbs 22:29a

Do you see a
man *who* excels in his work?
He will stand before kings;

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Matthew 25:21b

Well *done*, good and faithful
servant; you were faithful
over a few things, I will
make you ruler over many
things. Enter into the joy of
your lord!

Hebrews 6:10-12

For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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