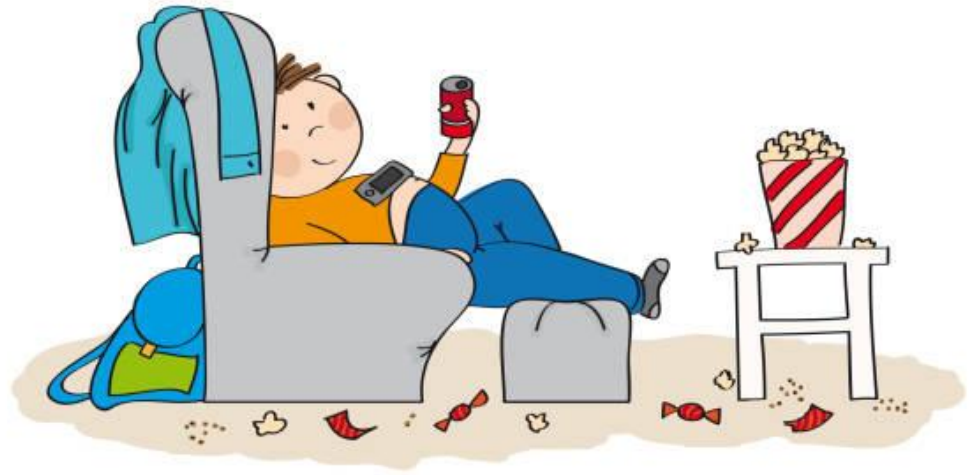


“A sower
went out to
sow his
seed...” –
Luke 8:5



Am I Lazy?

1st Sunday of Hatour





Introduction

- There is a pervading spirit of laziness
 - Comfort Culture
 - Entertainment On-Demand
 - Celebrates “comfort” over effort
 - Results with minimal effort
 - Inconvenience is required for virtue.
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What is laziness?

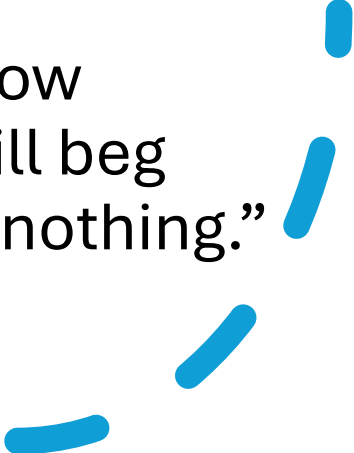
- It is not a lack of ideas or ambition
 - **“The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing.”** (Proverbs 13:4)
- But the lack of motivation to translate ideas, feelings, or desires into action
 - **“The lazy man says, “There is a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets!”** (Proverbs 22:13)

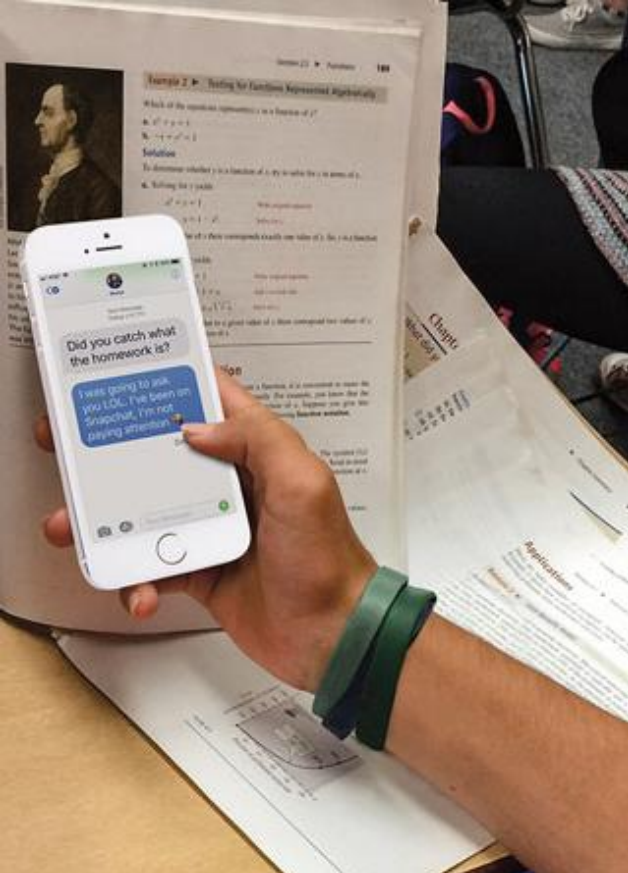
What is laziness?

- Most people struggle with some form of laziness
 - Physical laziness
 - Mental laziness
 - Spiritual laziness
 - “Productive” laziness



Proponents of Laziness

- **Comfort Culture**
 - “How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep—So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.” (Proverbs 6:9–11)
 - **Procrastination**
 - “The lazy man will not plow because of winter; He will beg during harvest and have nothing.” (Proverbs 20:4)
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Proponents of Laziness

- **Discouragement**
 - From low self-esteem – *“I’m not good enough.”*
 - Despair
 - EX: Elijah
 - “It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life!” (1 Kings 19:4).
- **Constant Distractions**



Proponents of Laziness

- **Pampering the flesh**
 - The flesh can only be temporarily satisfied and will constantly want more.
 - **“She who lives in pleasure, is dead while she lives.”**
(1 Tim. 5:6)



Proponents of Laziness

- **Lazy Company**
 - Laziness is contagious
- **The work is not worth the effort**
 - EX: Parable of the Talents

