

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* In our study of the book of Proverbs, we have been considering some Pearls of Wisdom.
- \* Last week, we began considering some of the character traits that are revealed in chapter 6.
- \* In today's passage, we are called to consider, and learn from, the ways of one of the smallest species of God's creation - the ant.

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE EXHORTATION .... "Go to the ant ... consider her ways and be wise!"****A. Their D** \_\_\_\_\_**B. Their D** \_\_\_\_\_**II. THE APPLICATION ... *the call to diligence and productivity!*****A. A Call to Be Properly Focused**

- \* Matthew 6:31-33
- \* Philippians 3:20-21
- \* 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
- \* Acts 4:32-37

**B. A Call to Be Properly Productive**

1. R \_\_\_\_\_ THE T \_\_\_\_\_

- \* Proverbs 26:13-16 (cf. Proverbs 22:13; 19:24)
- \* Proverbs 20:4
- \* Proverbs 21:25
- \* Proverbs 24:30-34

2. R \_\_\_\_\_ THE T \_\_\_\_\_

- \* Proverbs 13:4
- \* Ephesians 5:15-17
- \* Romans 13:10-14
- \* Galatians 6:7-9
- \* Colossians 4:2-6

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* ARE YOU AN INDUSTRIOUS INDIVIDUAL?
- \* ARE YOU DILIGENT AND PRODUCTIVE?
- \* DO YOU USE TIME WISELY ... OR WASTEFULLY?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* Read John 9:4 considering Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman and his disciples recorded in John 4:4-43?