

# Talking Back to the Vices (All verses NRSV) Dr. Keith D. Wyma

## Talking Back to Sloth

### **Matthew 19:29**

<sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my name's sake will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.

### **Psalms 119:28**

<sup>28</sup> My soul melts away for sorrow;  
strengthen me according to your word.

### **Matthew 11:28-30**

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

### **I Thessalonians 4:10-12**

<sup>10</sup> and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters...But we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, <sup>11</sup> to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, <sup>12</sup> so that you may behave properly toward outsiders and be dependent on no one.

### **II Thessalonians 3:10-13**

<sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

### **Proverbs 28:19**

<sup>19</sup> Anyone who tills the land will have plenty of bread,  
but one who follows worthless pursuits will have plenty of poverty.

### **Proverbs 23:21**

<sup>21</sup> for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty,  
and drowsiness will clothe them with rags.

### **Proverbs 15:19**

<sup>19</sup> The way of the lazy is overgrown with thorns,  
but the path of the upright is a level highway.

**Proverbs 6:6-11**

<sup>6</sup> Go to the ant, you lazybones;  
consider its ways and be wise.

<sup>7</sup> Without having any chief  
or officer or ruler,

<sup>8</sup> it prepares its food in summer  
and gathers its sustenance in harvest.

<sup>9</sup> How long will you lie there, O lazybones?  
When will you rise from your sleep?

<sup>10</sup> A little sleep, a little slumber,  
a little folding of the hands to rest,

<sup>11</sup> and poverty will come upon you like a robber,  
and want, like an armed warrior.

**Matthew 25:14-30**

<sup>14</sup> "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup> to

one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went

away. At once <sup>16</sup> the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five

more talents. <sup>17</sup> In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup> But the one

who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> After

a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me

five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and

trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things;

enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup> And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master,

you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, 'Well

done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of

many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came

forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering

where you did not scatter, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup> But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter?’ <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

### **Hebrews 12:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary in your souls or lose heart.

### **Hebrews 12:11-13**

<sup>11</sup> Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

### **Acts 20:24**

<sup>24</sup> But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God’s grace.

### **I Corinthians 9:24-27**

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. <sup>25</sup> Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the

air, <sup>27</sup> but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

**Proverbs 10:26**

Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so are the lazy to their employers.

**Proverbs 12:24**

The hand of the diligent will rule, while the lazy will be put to forced labor.

**Proverbs 12:27**

The lazy do not roast their game, but the diligent obtain precious wealth.

**Proverbs 13:4**

The appetite of the lazy craves and gets nothing, while the appetite of the diligent is richly supplied.

**Proverbs 19:24**

The lazy person buries a hand in the dish and will not even bring it back to the mouth.

**Proverbs 20:4**

The lazy person does not plow in season; harvest comes, and there is nothing to be found.

**Proverbs 21:25**

The craving of the lazy person is fatal, for lazy hands refuse to labor.