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## **I'LL DO IT TOMORROW**

*"The sluggard says, 'There is a lion outside; I will be killed in the streets!'" (Prov. 22:13).* We can be very good at coming up with extremely convincing excuses which give us every possible reason to put work off until another day. "I'm too tired right now, I'll do it tomorrow." "I don't have the right tools to get that done now, I'll do it tomorrow." "I don't have enough time to get it all done right now anyway, I'll wait until tomorrow when I have a bigger block of time to finish it all in one day." They sound so convincing because most of the time the excuse we're using is true. Physical and mental fatigue, a shortage of supplies and even time are not something we've conjured out of thin air, but have truthfully observed, only to stretch the fact into a full blown exaggerated excuse to justify laziness. Lions are

outside. This is true. If I look and smell like a delicious savory snack, those lions just may rip me to shreds. This is true. But the chances of being mauled by one in my back yard while I'm raking leaves is so ridiculously minute that to use it as a justifiable reason to stay huddled on the couch with a bag of Doritos instead of getting much needed yard work done is totally irresponsible. This is the skillful art of the lazy procrastinator. Taking truthful observations and twisting them into convincing arguments to rationalize a lazy response to doing work. One of the more elaborate and somewhat ironical excuses is when we note and observe somewhat imperfect conditions as a good reason to put something off. *"He who watches the wind will not sow and he who looks at the clouds will not reap," (Eccl. 11:4).*

When we wait until everything is just right and working conditions are perfect and ideal, we're essentially declaring we really have no intention of ever getting to that particular job because working conditions will never be perfect and rarely ideal in any case. *"The sluggard says, 'There is a lion in the road! A lion is in the open square!' As the door turns on its hinges, so does the sluggard on his bed. The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he is weary of bringing it to his mouth again. The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can give a discreet answer," (Prov. 26:13-16).*

Imperfect conditions such as time restraints, insufficient supplies, and low energy can quickly become rationalized excuses for procrastination. Beware of the excuses, and keep steady in getting the job done.

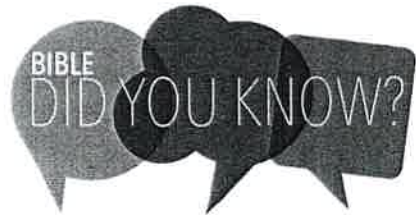
*"I passed by the field of the sluggard and by the vineyard of the man lacking sense, and behold, it was completely overgrown with thistles; its surface was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. When I saw, I reflected upon it; I looked, and received instruction. 'A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest,' then your poverty will come as*

*a robber and your want like an armed man," (Proverbs 24:30-34).* And there lies the true essence of the deceptive lies we convince ourselves to utter when procrastination is in full swing. I'll delay just a little. I'll put it off just for a moment. While the obvious true tell for someone struggling with procrastination is to constantly put things off for tomorrow, the more subtle and destructive way it works is when we finally face the job needing done and the result is nothing got done. "Alright, today's the day." We put our work clothes on, roll up our sleeves and begin tackling the giant mountain of work we've let pile up so high from all the "tomorrow's" we've ascribed to them. At the end of the day, the mountain doesn't seem like it's gotten any smaller and any progress seems so miniscule it's as if no work was done at all. "But I've been working so hard! How could this still not be done!" The truth...we've let little moments of procrastination throughout the job to sidetrack us enough times that nothing gets done at all. Our intentions are always good. We never mean to avoid the job altogether. We begin working only to stop for just a moment for *"a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of*

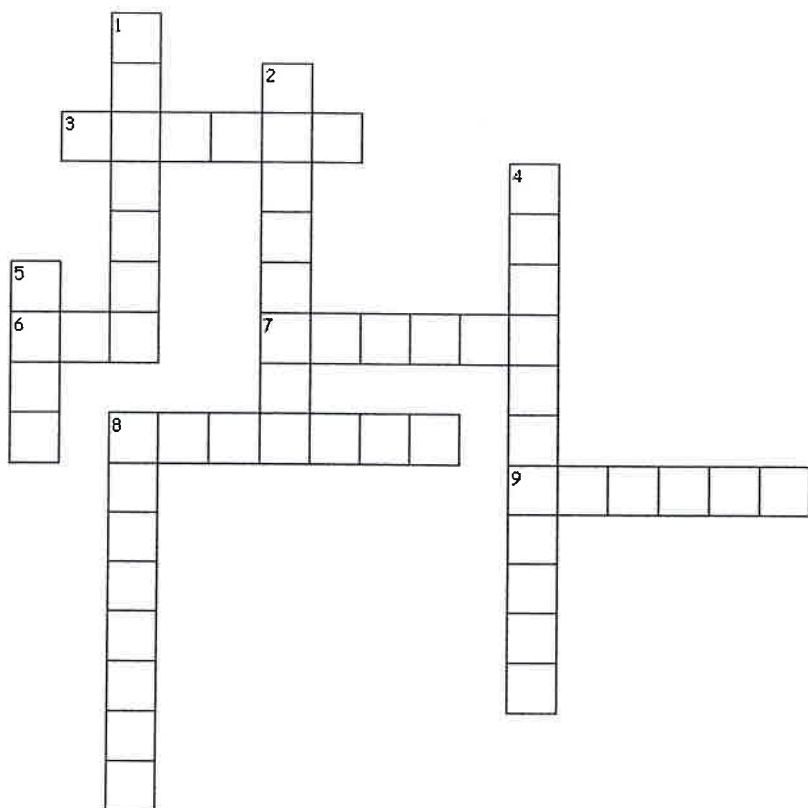
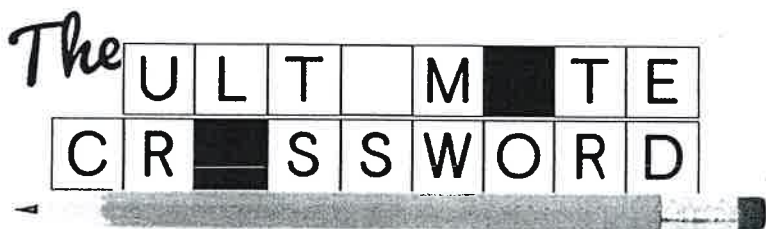
*the hands to rest.”* When procrastination is at its worst, we get really good at finding convincing moments in the middle of a job to stop “just for a moment” and find something else to do with our time. And most of the time, we’re really good at convincing ourselves these little momentary sidetrack jobs are just as important if not more so than the job we are already working on. Stopping in the middle of an important job to go get a haircut may sound very urgent and pressing in our minds, but really it’s just a way of stalling and folding the hands. Interrupting progress in the middle of a pressing urgent job to spend 40 minutes on a trip to Walmart because we just remembered we forgot to buy toothpicks when we last went grocery shopping may sound like a dire need at the time, when really it’s just a way to put off work for a little folding of the hands. By the end of the day, all of these little momentary pit stops have resulted in not much being accomplished at all, only to then put the rest of it off until tomorrow. Solomon says this is the same as being robbed in the middle of the night. Procrastination is a thief which robs us of our time as well as our progress. At the end of the

day, after little moments of procrastination have occurred, we realize the day is gone, and the time we could have spent on making progress has been robbed from us. It’s not coming back, and so we literally have to borrow time from tomorrow to make up for what was lost today. Some people drown in financial debt constantly having to borrow money to cover what they can’t afford to pay. Others drown in time debt. Constantly having to borrow time from every day chores just to cover what they didn’t have time to cover yesterday when they were honing in their skills at defending their family from rabid black squirrel attacks...because, really, you never know. The end result is what Solomon observed. A broken down wall with thistles overgrowing in the yard as a testament that nothing ends up ever getting done.

– Daniel Ruegg



***“A perverse man spreads strife, and a slanderer separates intimate friends.”  
Prov. 16:28***



### ACROSS

3. Husbands are to love their wives as their own \_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:28).
6. In marriage, the two shall become \_\_\_\_ flesh (Eph. 5:31).
7. Wives are subject to their husbands as the church is to \_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:24)
8. He who loves his wife loves \_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:28).
9. The husband is head of the wife as Christ is head of the \_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:23).

### DOWN

1. Fathers, do not \_\_\_\_ your children to anger. (Eph. 6:4)
2. The wife must see that she \_\_\_\_ her husband. (Eph. 5:33)
4. Fathers are to bring children up in discipline and \_\_\_\_ of the Lord (Eph. 6:4)
5. Wives are subject to their husbands as to the \_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:22).
8. \_\_\_\_ are to love their wives as Christ loved the church (Eph. 5:25).