

Sloth's Aren't Cute

- How do the qualities of a sloth correlate to a slothful Christian?
 - Sloth:
 - World's slowest animal
 - 15-20 hours sleeping a day
 - Do NOT socialize
 - Poor diet
 - Slothful Christian:
 - Slow growth
 - Accomplish nothing
 - Do not socialize with others
 - Little spiritual energy due to poor spiritual diet.
- According to 1 Peter 1:13-16, what does it mean to 'gird up the loins of your mind' and 'be sober'?
 - Gird up is a verb that describes how people of the east would gather the loose ends of their clothes with a girdle, so they can run.
 - Metaphor to explain how we have to gather the straying thoughts in our mind.
 - II Corinthians 10:5 (take into captivity every thought
 - Sober means to be present of mind at all times

- Why is it important to ‘gird up the loins of our mind’ and ‘be sober’?
 - We have to be ‘Jesus minded’ all the time. If we allow thoughts to stray, we can lose focus on Jesus
- What were the 3 ways spiritual slothfulness can occur?
 - Ignorance
 - Cowardice
 - Immaturity
- According to Hosea 4:6, what is destructive?
 - Ignorance (lack of knowledge)
- What do we have to do in order to gain knowledge?
 - II Timothy 2:15 - study to show thyself approved.
- Why is knowledge so important?
 - We have to understand what we believe in order to believe and obey it.
- Matthew 25 talks about the parable of the talents. Why did the man who received 1 talent hide it? (see Matthew 25:24-25)
 - He was afraid.
- What does fear do to us?
 - It paralyzes us, and keeps us from doing what God want us to do.
 - The enemy uses fear to keep us from the will of God.

- What does spiritual immaturity mean?
 - Slothful by choice
 - We make a decision to not live for God even though we have knowledge and/or courage
- I Corinthians 3:1-3, Paul is addressing the Corinthian Church. What is Paul talking about?
 - The people were immature because they were still carnal (fleshly) even though they knew truth.
- What are some reasons that we do not want to grow, when talking about immaturity?
 - Increase in responsibility
 - Uncomfortable
 - Growing pains