

## Day 61 - An ANTidote that Works

Friday, January 24, 2020

"Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, Provides her supplies in the summer, *And* gathers her food in the harvest." (Proverbs 6:6-8)

I am sure you have heard the cliche, "Good help is hard to find". In fact, you may have even thought this to yourself lately if you've had an unpleasant customer service experience or, have had to frequently keep children or other people on task. Perhaps you can identify areas in your own life where you are currently making excuses or procrastinating about things you need to do. Our verse today says, "Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, Provides her supplies in the summer, *And* gathers her food in the harvest." (Proverbs 6:6-8). Here we see that the ant, which can carry up to 50 times its body weight, works diligently alone and along with other ants to accomplish its tasks. It is never seen complaining or sitting down on the job, and it needs no boss to keep it working. In the latter part of the reading, we see that the ant understands the importance of preparation. It knows that winter will arrive at some point. So, it works hard in the summer, while food is plentiful, in order to survive through the winter. Wow! Who would have thought that ants could teach us such a valuable lesson about work ethic and preparation. Surely God uses the simple things to demonstrate His great wisdom. So, let us examine ourselves today and see where we can improve our lives or share this wisdom with others to make 2020 an exceptionally productive year.

Prayer: "Lord, thank you for the example of the little ants that you use to remind us to use our time, talent and resources to the best of our ability without complaint. Help us to work diligently alone and with others to improve life for our family and community. Help us to prepare wisely. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

Cliffard Whitby is willing to work hard to improve Macon-Bibb. Please join us! Support the Whitby2020 campaign today if you have not done so. Visit <u>www.whitby2020.com</u>.

Pray for God's continued guidance, protection, provision and success for Cliffard Whitby (Macon-Bibb County 2020 mayoral candidate) and the Whitby2020 campaign team and supporters. Pray that God would increase this movement and energize others to co-labor with us for positive change.

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