



Spaces: Managing a Boring Season
“The Place Prosperity is Built” (Part 4)

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Big Question: How do you manage the boring seasons of a successful life?

- “Boredom is the emotional or physical state one experiences due to lack of **mental stimulation**, activities to do, or **interest** in one’s surroundings.”
- “Life is not an **action movie**, thus we all will suffer times of feeling listlessness and ennui. [Proverbs 19:15](#) speaks of how “**slothfulness**” can lead to unpleasant circumstances.”
- “Experiencing boredom is not a sin, but **attitudes** and **choices** that lead to or arise from boredom may be harmful to a Christian’s faith.”

Source: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-boredom.html>

Paul’s Advice to The Bored

Text: Ephesians 5:15–16

15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. (NIV)

- Be Careful
- Be Wise
- Be Aggressive (Take advantage of your opportunities)

Proverbs Advice to the Bored
(Proverbs 6:6-11, NIV)

1. **Don’t be a sluggard** (Lazy or slothful)
 - 6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!
2. **Don’t need oversight**
 - 7 It has no commander, no overseer or ruler,
3. **Don’t forget to save and gather for your hungry days**
 - 8 yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.



4. Don't sleep too much

- 9 How long will you lie there, you sluggard? **When will you get up** from your sleep? 10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little **folding of the hands** to rest— 11 and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man.

Conclusion: Three Decisions Only You Can Make

- Decide when you will get up
- Decide not to fold your hands
- Decide not to be robbed by scarcity

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