

WEEKLY GAME PLAN

From Sloth To Service

Read Genesis 3:7, Psalm 139:23-24 NLT, James 4:17 ESV

Context: Sloth is spiritual disengagement designed to cause spiritual procrastination (disobedience) for anything God has called you to do. Oftentimes this happens silently. I'll just sit down for a minute. I'll just have a few chips. I'll just scroll for a few minutes in the car before I go inside. I wonder if God quietly asking you to do something is being drowned out by the noise of what we're filling our *downtime* with. Sloth wants to kill and destroy your relationship with God by slowly stealing your internal desire to engage Him. We think this [scene from Zootopia](#) is funny, but I wonder how often our slothfulness is coming between what God wants us to accomplish and what we have the ability to do for Him.

Reflection Question: What good do you know you ought to be doing, but you're choosing not to do it? Do you realize that, for you, this is a sin? What's in your way of obeying God in this area? How can you do something this week in order to do the good that God is asking you to do?

Read Luke 10:30-37, Ephesians 5:11 NLT

Context: The priest and the Levite had both trained their entire lives to serve God. It was the highest honor to get to serve God. But in this story they had completely missed the mark. One of the greatest purposes of this life is so that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth. These two people were so concerned about being available to serve God (not do anything to become unclean) that they missed the opportunity that God had given them to serve Him. We can do and do and do in our days and not accomplish anything of eternal value. Maybe the reason why God let you notice "it" is because He wants *you* to do something about it.

Reflection Question: What are you noticing in the world right now that you know is a problem but that you are okay with someone else doing something about it? Why do you think that is? What is something eternally productive you could do with your time this week?

Read Proverbs 6:6-11 ERV, Proverbs 13:4 NLT, Proverbs 19:15 ERV, Ecclesiastes 10:18 ESV

Context: God has given us examples even in nature how to serve Him diligently and with purpose. We have no excuse to be lazy in our lives. That's how people who don't know Christ and have no hope behave. When we take up the purpose for which He created us and we seek to use our lives to glorify Him, we will be fully satisfied. This is because He is enough.

Reflection Question: How can you become satisfied with what God is asking you to do in your life this week? What does that look like for you? (He has given us all different purposes.) How can you ask God to fill the gaps in your life this week? What do you need from Him?

Read Colossians 3:17, 23-24 NIV, Matthew 20:26-28 ESV

Context: Most of the verses in this passage of Colossians are about being in submission to God by submitting to each other. We need to submit our will and our way to God, to do what He is calling us to do. He wants us to do everything we have to do as if we are doing it for Christ. And the great part is that we *get* to serve Christ here on earth. We *get* to serve our co-workers, our spouses, our kids, our friends, our roommates, our church. God has given us the privilege of taking His name and letting all see who He is by how we do the work He has given us to do.

Reflection Question: By the way you choose to do your work, would people say that they *get* to be around you, or would they say they *have* to be around you? What can you do to improve the experience of those around you? How will you choose to serve Christ this week by how you serve others?

Read Haggai 1:2-8 NLT, Matthew 23:11 NIV

Context: We do a lot of things for ourselves throughout the week. God doesn't begrudge us that, but consider how you are contributing to building His house this week. Does He need us? No. But has He given us awesome opportunities to be blessed by serving Him? Absolutely! Occupying a seat at church is a great start. But occupying a role at church by serving others is how we become great in the kingdom of God.

Reflection Question: What's your starting point this week? How can you move forward in your growth with God this week? How is He calling you to serve others as He has served you?

End in prayer. Choose how you may like to get involved [serving here at La Jolla](#).