

Be self-disciplined



**Go to the ant, you
slugard! / 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 (NKJV)

How much self-discipline do you have? Do you jump right in and do what it takes to get the job done, or do you stand back and wait for someone else to take over and prod you along? The Bible tells us that it is better to be like the self-disciplined ant. There is no room for idleness in the house of God. However, being self-disciplined can be difficult, especially in the face of temptation. If you are working on a report for work, for example, and a friend invites you to a movie, you may find yourself tempted to go. You know you should stay at home and finish the report, but you're bored and seeing a movie would be so much more fun. Temptation can overcome self-discipline if you let it. If, however, you look at the issue in terms of the future, that is, the degree to which it will help or hinder you later, you may find it easier to be self-disciplined, to resist temptation and to make the necessary sacrifices. Getting that report done and keeping your job is far more important to your future than seeing a movie. The same principle applies to our relationship with God. God never promised that serving Him would be easy. In fact, He reminds us again and again throughout the Bible that it takes a great deal of self-discipline and sacrifice to obediently follow and serve Him.

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