Sloth
Discussion Questions

1. Are you convinced that Sloth should be on the list? Why/why not?[1]

2. Do you ever struggle with apathy or spiritual sluggishness?[2]

    If yes, what do you do?

3. Are you given more to apathy or workahilism/restless activity to avoid doing what you should?

4. How is Jesus the perfect example of the *non-sloth* - one who enjoys perfect rest while also exercising focused diligence in the task God had given him to do?

5. Look at **2 Timothy 2:4**. How might the Slothful person be entangled in the affairs of the world more than is appropriate for a soldier of Christ?

6. Look at **Mark 4:18-19**. How might the desire of the workaholic strangle growth?

7. In what areas of your life are you most tempted to escape the demands of love?[3]

    What acts of love do you find oppressive or a daily burden?

8. Have you ever faced the difficulty of 'the middle period'?[4]

9. Look at **Hebrews 5:11**. Someone has said that the slothful person is dull of hearing because they are 'unwilling to work out the deeper implications of the gospel in their lives.' How might this be the case?

    Do you recognise this as a temptation in your own heart?

10. Look at **Ephesians 4:28** and **1 Thess 4:11-12**. Why is God interested in our daytime job? What has this to do with Sloth?

11. Look at **2 Peter 1:3-8**. How does Peter combine what Christ has done for us and what we must do? How might understanding the first undermine sloth in our lives?

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[1] Glittering Vices, 2nd ed, DeYoung, 109.

[2] Hitlist, Hedges, 74.

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