

WHO IS LIKE SMOKE TO THE EYES?

TOPIC: LAZINESS

ANSWER: THE SLUGGARD TO THEM THAT SEND HIM

*“As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes,
so is the sluggard to them that send him”
Proverbs 10:26.*

EXPLANATION: Smoke is very irritating to the eyes, and a sluggard (a person who is habitually lazy) is very irritating to those who send him to do a job. His boss (or parent or teacher) expects him to accomplish what he has been asked to do. However, the sluggard wastes time and never finishes the job correctly. Consequently, he is a great irritation to those who send him.

BIBLE ILLUSTRATION: Matthew 25:14-30

A man traveling to another country left his money with three servants and asked them to increase it by investing it while he was gone. Two of the servants traded with the money and doubled it. But the last servant was lazy and buried the money in a hole. When the traveling master returned home, he called for his servants and asked how they did with his money. He was very pleased with the first two servants but very irritated with the last one. He called him wicked and lazy and took away his money. The last servant was thrown out into outer darkness.

REVIEW:

1. What does smoke do to the eyes?
2. What does a lazy person do to the people who send him?
3. What happened to the lazy servant in Matthew 25?
4. How was the lazy servant like smoke to his master's eyes?

TRY TO THINK OF OTHER EXAMPLES OF THIS PROVERB.

COLOR THE MATCHING PICTURE FROM THE COLORING BOOK.

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