

A close-up photograph of several ants, likely red and black, crawling over and around two bright yellow lemons. The ants are busy, some on the lemons and others on the ground, which appears to be covered in dry leaves and twigs. The background is blurred, focusing attention on the ants and the lemons.

LAZY BONES

By Bill Pugh

We were having morning tea on our porch. A sunny day, so no hurry.

I noticed a trail of ants leading to a dead bee.

The ant army had worked on it for hours and cleverly turned the bee over.

The proverb was true. Ants are not sluggards, lazy creatures. They work all day, gathering, building and creating, and sustaining life for their species.

We can take many wise lessons from the ant. Work is their life purpose.

No hurdles will stand in their way for nourishment.

Laziness is not in an ant's vocabulary.

In life we are tempted to take the easy way. Children learn quickly how to get out of things.

To dream up excuses. But laziness leads to minor goals and stunting of growth as human beings.

Jesus never took the easy way. He had a purpose and a plan to do God's will.

He had a saving purpose for the world. And he gave his life for that.

Reflection:

The New Standard Revised version defines sluggard in telling words. \:

"Go to the ant, you lazy bones;

Consider its ways, and be Wise (Proverbs 6:6)