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## Sermon Outline – August 8, 2010

### Wise Up – Part 2

### “Taking Initiative”

#### Introduction:

Luke 16:1-9: The Parable of the Shrewd Manager

This is not a parable about ethics instead Jesus is commending the man for **taking initiative** to solve the problem.

*“How long will you lie there, you sluggard?*

*When will you get up from your sleep?*

*10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest*

*11 and poverty will come on you like a bandit  
and scarcity like an armed man.”*

Proverbs 6:9-11

The opposite of a person with initiative is a \_\_\_\_\_

Two characteristics of a sluggard:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

*“The sluggard says, “There is a lion outside!” or, “  
I will be murdered in the streets!”*

Proverbs 22:13

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## A Visit to the Ant Academy:

*“Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!  
7 It has no commander, no overseer or ruler,  
8 yet it stores its provisions  
in summer and gathers its food at harvest.”  
Proverbs 6:6-8*

### Lessons from the ants:

1. You don't have to depend on \_\_\_\_\_ to get the job done.
2. Learn to think \_\_\_\_\_

### Where do I need to take initiative?

**The Cross: the ultimate example of initiative.**

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