

ANT - IDOTE

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Who still finds time to read the Bible? Last Lenten season, I got the chance to read it and from doing so, I was reminded of the significant roles of animals and even insects and bugs. Proverbs 6:6-8 says, "Go to the ant, you sluggard; observe its behaviors and be intelligent!"

It has no leader, supervisor, or ruler, but it keeps what it needs in the summer and collects its food during harvest."

In addition, if you are familiar with Aesop's fables, their very focus is the morals that different animals could teach and share with us. One of the most well-known is the story "The Ant and the Grasshopper," which emphasizes the value of savings along with hard labor.

Consequently, I was reminded of the importance of intrinsic motivation in doing our jobs. Why? I am sure you will agree that it will definitely be a challenge to work and serve when you do not have compassion toward what you are doing. Nothing will keep or sustain your drive, energy, and enthusiasm for something we do not perceive vital.

To elaborate further, aside from being hard workers, they also have good rapport in their community. They are well-disciplined. They have a good sense of direction. No matter how they go astray, you can observe and notice their determination to return or find the right path or line which they are expected to thread.

As the Bible states, we have to be like ants. The best remedy for lack of drive is to remember how ants, although insects have a sense of direction and motivation to do their

jobs. They are also responsible and honest in attending to their duties without necessarily having the presence of a ruler. They are leaders themselves.

In this vocation, both knowledge and skills are important, but the attitude and principles an individual has play significant roles. Our traits and ideals in life will clearly reflect who we are. Now, what do you think of yourself? What are you: a grasshopper or an ant?

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