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Part 1: "Stuck on Repeat"

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"You lazy people, you should watch what the ants do and learn from them. Ants have no ruler, no boss, and no leader. But in the summer, ants gather all of their food and save it. So when winter comes, there is plenty to eat. You lazy people, how long are you going to lie there? When will you get up? You say, 'I need a rest. I think I'll take a short nap.' But then you sleep and sleep and become poorer and poorer. Soon you will have nothing. It will be as if a thief came and stole everything you owned."

Proverbs 6:6-11 (ERV)

WE KEEP REPEATING TODAY OVER AND OVER BECAUSE...

1. ...WE ARE _____ TO FOCUS ON " _____ " AND "THE NEXT" AT THE _____

"Don't try to keep any of it until the morning. Either eat it all, or throw it away. But some people ignored Moses and tried to keep some of it until the next morning. Overnight it became wormy and started to have a dreadful smell. Moses became furious with them because they had disobeyed God's instructions."

Exodus 16:19-20 (TVB)

2. ...WE KEEP _____ SOMEONE _____ TO KNOW MORE ABOUT _____ THAN GOD DOES

“Listen carefully, those of you who make your plans and say, ‘We are traveling to this city in the next few days. We’ll stay there for one year while our business explodes and revenue is up.’ The reality is you have no idea where your life will take you tomorrow. You are like a mist that appears one moment and then vanishes another. It would be best to say, ‘If it is the Lord’s will and we live long enough, we hope to do this project or pursue that dream.’ But your current speech indicates an arrogance that does not acknowledge the One who controls the universe, and this kind of big talking is the epitome of evil. So if you know the right way to live and ignore it, it is sin—plain and simple.”

James 4:13-17 (TVB)

3. ...WE TRY TO FOCUS ON “ _____ ?” INSTEAD OF “ _____ ?”

“Don’t worry and say, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ That’s what those people who don’t know God are always thinking about. Don’t worry, because your Father in heaven knows that you need all these things. What you should want most is God’s kingdom and doing what he wants you to do. Then he will give you all these other things you need. So don’t worry about tomorrow. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Tomorrow will have its own worries.”

Matthew 6:31-34 (ERV)

“We humans keep brainstorming options and plans, but God’s purpose prevails.”

Proverbs 19:21 (MSG)