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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." -- JOHN 4:35

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Idleness

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. . . And a cheerful greeting to all those tuned to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. It gives me great pleasure to be coming your way once again by means of radio. Did you ever hear that old expression that "an idle mind is the devil's workshop"? Well, at this time I have chosen to speak to you about idleness. But first let me explain: there is an extreme both ways. One can be idle and never accomplish very much if anything for the Lord and another can be so busy that he doesn't take time to hear the voice of the Lord speak to Him. Either one of these things is not good. Martha was cumbered about much serving while Mary chose to sit and learn at Jesus' feet. The good part which Mary chose was not taken away from her while Martha perhaps thought she was doing service for the Lord and no doubt she was. And yet she would have been better off if she had listened to the voice of Jesus.

But let us give our attention now directly to the thought of idleness. I do believe the enemy takes advantage of those who are idle and uses them many times for a cause which is not good. Here is the text: "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." So first let us consider the business end of this thing. Did you know that a business which is neglected soon comes to naught? All that is necessary to be involved in a business failure is just do nothing. Now if that seems strong language to you listen to these verses: "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest. How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and

thy want as an armed man." Now what do you think of that? Did you know that was scripture? Well it is and it is found in Proverbs 6:6-11. This scripture points out that the ant has no overseer nor ruler and yet he works diligently to gather his food in summer.

Work is not something to worry about. It is something which if well done brings a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. A sense of usefulness puts meaning into life. A useful life is worth living. Something to do! What a joy! A responsibility: a trust: a commitment: this is real life. Man was intended to know the experience of achievement.

Laziness is a most certain peace destroyer. It is the beginning of the end. Life should not be overwrought, or that is one should not overwork, but activity is necessary to growth. Letting

