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Sunday School Lessons

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## **HAPPY NEW YEAR - Stay on Fire for the Lord!**

Scripture Reading Before Invocational Prayer: 1 Thessalonians 1: 2 – 4

Scripture Reading: Romans 12: 9 – 11

**NOT SLOTHFUL IN BUSINESS; FERVENT IN SPIRIT; SERVING THE LORD.** Romans 12: 11 (KJV)

Text: John 9: 4 (cf. Ecc. 9: 1-10 the depravity of man)

Introduction: Galatians 6: 9 – 10 (cf. Revelation 3: 14 – 22, Isaiah 55: 1 – 3)

### Lesson Outline

1. Hebrews 6: 10 – 12 (cf. St. Luke 9: 57 – 62)
2. 11 Thessalonians 3: 6 – 15 Faithful Work
3. **Sloth and indifference not only prevent good but allows evil to prosper**  
Proverbs 18: 9, Ephesians 5: 15 – 17, 1 Timothy 5: 13, Galatians 5: 14 – 16.
4. **Fervent in spirit or boiling in spirit**  
(Acts 18: 25, 1 Corinthians 9: 24 – 27, 11 Corinthians 7: 10 – 11.)
5. Revelation 2: 1 – 7 (Nicolaitans - those who pervert grace, teach a false spiritual liberty.)
6. Ecclesiastes 12: 13 – 14 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter.

**Not slothful in business:** Don't be lazy or half-hearted or negligent in your responsibilities, whether at work, in studies, or in daily life; do things with excellence.

**Fervent in Spirit:** Be passionate, enthusiastic, and “Boiling Hot” in your spiritual devotion, avoiding spiritual complacency or lukewarmness.

**Serving the Lord:** This diligence and fervor, vehement desires are ultimately directed toward serving God in everything you do. Serving God with your whole heart.

“Not slothful in business means to be diligent, earnest, and active in all responsibilities, not just financial work, but family, studies and any religious duty, in fact all areas of life. It's an exhortation from the Bible to avoid laziness and hesitation and procrastination, instead engaging in every task with energy and commitment, viewing all your labor as serving the Lord.”