



Community Group Discussion Guide

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Week 5 | Act Like An Ant
Proverbs 6:6-8

Introduction

See someone who's very successful in life and ask them how they got there, it's very likely they'll say that it didn't happen by accident or by one big thing they did. Instead, they say that it came through intentional consistent small steps. Step after step after step.

This week's sermon looks at the 5th principle given by Dr. Cloud in his book, "9 Things You Simply Must Do." The principle: *You achieve your goals by taking small steps over time.*

Questions for Study

1. Why is living with the mindset "All or nothing" a guarantee that you'll never achieve success in life? Why is this equally true with taking shortcuts?
2. If you've done either one, what was the result?

Solomon writes this in Proverbs chapter six...

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

3. If you spend any time watching ants, how would you say they accomplish the tasks described in these verses? The same thing is true of how they build tunnels under the ground, creating 'ant hills' on the surface in the process.
4. How would you say the following biblical characters were successful in accomplishing God's call for their lives?

Noah building the ark –

Moses leading the Israelites to the Promised Land –

David killing Goliath –

Daniel advising kings of empires –

Nehemiah rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem -

5. In every area of your life, answer these two questions:
 - What do I want most?
 - What do I need to do now to have what I want most?