

## June 12 Answers

- 1) The wise sayings and proverbs of Solomon. Solomon had a lot to say about various types of people. He talked about the fool, the simple, the wise, the scorner—and he talked about the **sluggard**. Solomon said, “The sluggard buries his hand in the dish and will not even bring it **back** to his mouth” (Prov 19:24). Our first reaction is to think, ‘How ridiculous! I’m nothing like that!’ But after further reflection, we realize that this caricature has some uncomfortable similarities to our own weaknesses. Do we **start** a project with great enthusiasm, only to toss it aside when we lose interest? Do we **begin** a new diet with determination, only to end up falling back into our old eating habits? Solomon’s proverb makes a convicting point: those who lack the diligence to follow through will end up **starving** right in front of table full of opportunity.