

## Successful People Resent Complaining Sluggards

### Discrimination Is A Flimsy Excuse

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**USPA NEWS** - “A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren. Proverbs 17:2’

Discrimination is a flimsy excuse. Foolish or lazy men must shift the blame for slow career progress, so some cry about discrimination.

If you have not heard it, they will invent it. They blame the great enemy discrimination.

But Solomon knew better. Servants, or even sons, are not promoted due to being lazy, stupid, disrespectful, or slow. Color, age, sex, creed, or nationality have little to do with it. Men in positions of authority need performance and productivity; they will reward those who help them achieve their objectives, regardless of their personal characteristics.

How important is wisdom? Wisdom brings promotion and honour ““ foolishness brings demotion and shame (Pr 3:35). Diligence brings advancement; slothfulness brings starvation (Pr 12:24). A man not progressing professionally must be foolish, slothful, disrespectful, slow, or a combination thereof.

A wise servant will be promoted over a foolish son. Consider the rule. A son has the inside track and his father’s heart. But an owner or employer demands performance! He does not care about age, color, sex, creed, or nationality. He desperately needs productivity, punctuality, integrity, and obedience. He has no use for foolish or lazy sons.

A wise servant can be promoted over a son, and he may get an inheritance with the man’s own sons ““ a portion of the family business! How? An owner or boss craves performance by those under him, or he cannot get a sufficient return on labor or capital for his own objectives. He will reward those who perform well with their assigned duties (Pr 27:18).

A hard-working servant will pass a lazy son (Pr 10:5). Kings promote such men (Pr 14:35). Discrimination is an excuse of foolish, lazy, slow bellies! Successful men resent complaining sluggards, who blame circumstances rather than their own foolishness and poor performance. They want men who will get the job done, and they will reward them.

When King Solomon saw Jeroboam’s industry ““ intelligent, diligent, and systematic application of effort ““ though he was a young man, he promoted him into management (I Kgs 11:28). He did not give the job to any of his sons. A few years later Jeroboam was king of ten tribes of Israel, and Solomon’s favored son Rehoboam had only two tribes!

Success in this prosperous, generous, and slothful age is easy for a Christian. It hangs like a ripe plum from a tree. With a ladder named wisdom, it is within easy reach of all. Dear reader, climb and take it! Do not make excuses; do not blame others; use the ladder and pick the fruit before someone else does. This book of Proverbs is the manual for wisdom.

Foreigners make prosperous lives. They do not complain, sue, or talk of discrimination. They work diligently, live frugally, save faithfully, adapt wisely, and exist peacefully. But others with greater advantages go nowhere. What is the difference? Without knowing God, some practice natural wisdom.

Christian employees should be the best on any job (Rom 12:11). Outstanding conduct on the job adorns the doctrine of God your Saviour and saves Christianity from blasphemy far more than words. Do everything you do as to the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and He will reward you now and later.

Jesus Christ was made a little lower than the angels as the human Servant of God (Matt 12:18). But He so wisely and faithfully finished the most difficult work ever assigned that He was promoted far above all of the angelic sons of God (Job 1:6). He never slacked off nor became discouraged, and today He rules over all (Phil 2:5-11).

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