

**Proverbs 24:30-34**  
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<sup>30</sup>I went past the field of a sluggard,  
past the vineyard of someone who has no  
sense;

<sup>31</sup>thorns had come up everywhere,  
the ground was covered with weeds,  
and the stone wall was in ruins.

<sup>32</sup>I applied my heart to what I observed  
and learned a lesson from what I saw:

<sup>33</sup>A little sleep, a little slumber,  
a little folding of the hands to rest—

<sup>34</sup>and poverty will come on you like a thief  
and scarcity like an armed man.