As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so are sluggards to those who send them.

A sluggard buries his hand in the dish; he will not even bring it back to his mouth!
The sluggard says, “There’s a lion outside! I’ll be killed in the public square!”

As a door turns on its hinges, so a sluggard turns on his bed.

Acedia (akēdia)

“lack of care” (kēdia)

“Acedia:
aloofness, apathy, blah boredom, carelessness, despondency, detachment, disinterest, dispassion, disregard, drowsiness, dullness, ennui, inanimation, incuriosity, indifference, indolence, jadedness, languor, laziness, lethargy, lifelessness, listlessness, mindlessness, negligence, nonchalance, numbness, passiveness, passivity, plucklessness, resignation, sluggishness, spiritlessness, stupor, supineness, torpidity, unconcern, unmindfulness, weariness,…

“Noonday demon”
Evagrius Ponticus, The Practikos
Acedia, boredom, & the modern age

“I think it likely that much of the restless boredom, frantic escapism, commitment phobia, and enervating despair that plagues us today is the ancient demon of acedia in modern dress” (3)

Acedia and truthfulness

“We might say that all the sins which are due to ignorance can be reduced to sloth, which pertains to the negligence by which a man refuses to acquire spiritual goods because of the attendant labor.”

T. Aquinas, ST, I-II, q. 84

“But as real spiritual life declines, it has ever been the tendency to cease to advance in the knowledge of the truth. Men rest satisfied with the light already received from God’s word, and discourage any further investigation of the Scriptures. They become conservative, and seek to avoid discussion.”

“...For if you do these things you will never stumble...”

2 Peter 1:10
1:8-9 [NIV]
“For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.”