

# Proverbs 6:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,

## Analysis

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The ant has no guide, overseer, or ruler, yet it prepares food in summer and gathers in harvest. This observation highlights natural diligence without external compulsion. The Hebrew 'qatsiyn' (captain), 'shoter' (officer), and 'moshel' (ruler) represent hierarchical authority - yet ants work industriously without it. True wisdom produces self-motivated responsibility, not mere external compliance. Godly work ethic flows from character, not coercion.

## Historical Context

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Ancient agricultural societies intimately understood seasonal rhythms - summer's abundance must sustain winter's scarcity. Unlike modern just-in-time supply chains, ancient survival depended on harvest-time diligence. The ant illustrates this perfectly, becoming proverbial for wise preparation.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. What work requires your diligent attention without external supervision?

2. How can you develop internal motivation for responsibility rather than merely external compliance?
3. What 'summer' opportunities for preparation are you neglecting that winter will expose?

## Interlinear Text

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H834	H369	H0	<b>Which having no guide</b>	<b>overseer</b>	<b>or ruler</b>
			H7101	H7860	H4910

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