

“But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep?  
When will you wake up?” Proverbs 6:9 NLT

## lectio // Proverbs 6:6-11

This verse and the bane of an enneagram nine have much in common. My mom surely thought I was the laziest person on the face of the planet. As a teen, I stayed up super late and slept in every chance I could. During the summer, while living with my grandparents in Arizona, I would sleep in until it got too hot to be comfortable. My mother and my grandparents were early risers. My mom would often get up at 5 am to get ready and take off to work. My grandparents would get up just before sunrise and get so much done in the morning. My “sleeping in” days ended quickly when I went to college and had early classes, plus a forty-five minute drive in traffic. That’s when I switched to napping. I’ve always said, “if napping was an olympic event, I would get a gold medal!” Age, experience and (cough, cough) wisdom has almost completely rid me of my “lazybones” ways. I did however admire a popular furniture store named La-Z-Boy. I finally found the story behind the name. My fun-brain had imagined the inventor of the recliner chair putting up with his mother calling him names because of his lazy ways. I imagined that she would constantly berate him with this phrase, “You’re such a lazy boy!” I imagined she thought he wouldn’t amount to much in his life, so just to spite his mother he named his furniture store La-Z-Boy.” Well, as it often happens, that’s not at all how the store got its name. In 1928, cousins Edward Knabusch and Edwin Shoemaker, (“the two Eds”) created the first folding wood-slat porch recliner. Their business was called, “Kna-Shoe.” After the recliner took off in popularity, they knew they needed a better name because people thought it was a shoe repair business! So the partners held a public contest to name the recliner, thus finding a name and generating further interest in their product simultaneously. In November 1930, the winning name, La-Z-Boy, was trademarked, and the patent for the new mechanism was issued in January 1931.

Dad,  
Even though I love napping, I never want to be lazy. I strive to not be lazy-in-life, lazy in making decisions, lazy in work ethic, lazy in taking shortcuts, lazy in avoiding conflict or certainly lazy about my relationship with you! I want to work and be about your business - always. In spite of my “nineness,” I refuse to allow that character issue to stop me or slow me down from accomplishing ALL that you have intended me to be and do. Thank you for your patience while I figure this out. Amen.