

Pastor Brian's  
Midweek Message  
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**"BULLDOG EDITION!"**

*But you, lazybones, how long will you sleep? When will you wake up? (Proverbs 6:9 NLT)*

Back in the first few decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, before radio and TV became available to distribute the news of the day, newspapers ruled the communication/information world. Most every town had one. Most cities had more than one, and they would print multiple editions. I remember all of this from my Mass Communication class back in high school. See...I did learn something in school! When something REALLY BIG happened..."Breaking News"...the local rag would put out a special edition, or an "Extra"



"Extra...extra...read all about it" was the news boy's cry. Early in the morning, which describes the time that I am writing this (early for me as it's only a little after 8:00am), the first edition to hit the newsstands was called the "Bulldog Edition". That name came from the newspaper wars in New York and other cities in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century...remember most cities had several competing papers back then, and there was a fight for increased circulation. They "fought like bulldogs" to sell you their own particular newspaper. The whole idea here is that if you get at it early you'll have more success. That's what I'm hoping for today as I am in the office well before my usual hour. I feel exhorted by the Scripture quote

above as God was speaking to me very early this morning with words of admonition. I like that word, "admonition", if I use it enough maybe I could write for a newspaper. Anyway, I identify with the term "lazybones", and I needed to rise up earlier to get everything done today that needs to be done today. Later this afternoon Kay and I are driving away on a mini-holiday (we're not telling you where we're going) and we'll return early Saturday. That means nearly everything that is needed for Sunday needs to be "in the can" (that's a film term) by early afternoon today. The sermon for Sunday is already written, but I'll probably rewrite it two or three times over the next few days. Truth be told, and you should always tell the truth when writing something for your fellow church members, or for a newspaper (no, wait, does that apply anymore to the news media?), I'm much more efficient early in the day, I tend to get more done. That's probably because there is more available energy in the body in the morning than in the evening. You might remember another proverb; "early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise". Notice that I didn't capitalize the word proverb? That's because this one is not in the Bible, but rather Ben Franklin gets most of the credit for it. I'm assuming that old Benjamin was not one to sleep in. So away I go, bringing you the news of the day, in the "Bulldog Edition" of This Week at TLC. I hope and pray that you'll be well informed. "That will be 50 cents please!"

