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(In Proverbs)

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Proverbs 19:15

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Eccles. 10:18

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4. The Lazy person clutters his path making his life uneasy & uncomfortable

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See: Proverbs 24:30-34

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