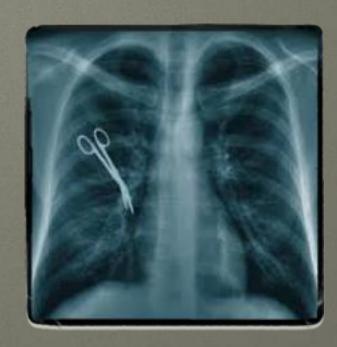


"In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

— Jn. 16:33

## Overcoming Negligence





In the Holy Bible...

- "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might..." (Ecc. 9:10)
- No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (Lk. 9:62)

#### Definition

- To fail to take care of or to give attention to (someone or something)
- No to pay proper attention to

### Consequences of Negligence

- 1. Lowers our defenses
  - "It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that...

    David remained at Jerusalem." (2 Sam. 11:1)
- 2. Negatively affects others
  - \*For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them."

    (1 Sam. 3:13)

### Consequences of Negligence

- 3. May be forgotten by God
- "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children." (Hos. 4:6)
- "[God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim. 2:4)

# 4. Prevent spiritual growth

"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." (Heb. 5:12-14)

Consequences of Negligence

## 5. Risks our salvation

"For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation..." (Heb. 2:2-3)

### Reasons for being negligent

- 1. Lack of interest in the task
- 2. Become double-minded
- 3. Laziness and/or indifference
- 4. Inadequate training to complete the required task
- 5. Fear

### Overcoming Negligence

- 1. Self-Examination
- 2. Set achievable action plan
- 3. Hold yourself accountable
- 4. Know your limits
- 5. Surround yourself with godly people