



“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)

Consequences of Negligence

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