

Removing Obstacles

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Remove

to take away; to roll off; to turn off; to carry away, put out

To displace, to cause to change place

v – to go from one place to another

Obstacle

That which opposes; any thing that stands in the way and hinders progress, either in a physical or moral sense

Taking away things which stand in the way and hinder our progress of serving God.

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Credit & Blame

Attitudes

Excuses

Idleness

Little Sin

Worry Sorry Faith

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Idleness

Idle

Not employed; unoccupied with business; inactive; doing nothing.
Lazy, shunning the labor which one ought to perform

Lazy

Disinclined to action or exertion; naturally or habitually slothful;
sluggish; indolent; averse to labor; heavy in motion

Slothful

Inactive

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Proverbs 24 : 30 – 32

Field of the lazy man

And there it was!

Overgrown with thorns

Covered with nettles

Stone wall was broken down

I saw it, I considered it well

I looked on it and received instruction

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Matthew 20 : 1 – 7

“...Why have you been...idle...go into the vineyard...”

idle – not employed, doing nothing

Why did the owner four times say go work?

There is work to be done – we must be active

Proverbs 19 : 15

“Laziness casts one into a deep sleep...”

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Matthew 25 : 24 – 27, 30

“You wicked and lazy servant.”

The servant made excuses and was unprofitable

Why was the servant unprofitable?

He shunned the labor which one ought to perform

I Timothy 5 : 8

“If anyone does not provide for his own...he...is worse than an unbeliever.”

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I Corinthians 3 : 6 – 10

“We are God’s fellow workers...”

What is our job?

Plant

Water

II Chronicles 15 : 7

“But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!”

We are to work our faith, not just use it!

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How to know if we are idle:

Ask the Lord

Psalm 26 : 2

Psalm 139 : 23 – 24

Examine and know yourself

I Corinthians 9 : 27

II Corinthians 13 : 5

II Peter 3 : 14

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What do we do when we find thorns and nettles?

Romans 13 : 12 – 14

Cast off the works of darkness

Ephesians 4 : 31

Put away with all malice

II Timothy 2 : 19 – 22

Depart from iniquity, cleanse yourselves, flee youthful lusts

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Is your idleness an obstacle to your service to God?

Are you shunning the work God has planned for you?

Has your faith become overgrown with thorns and nettles?

Has your laziness caused you to sleep?

Has your faith become something you fall back on in bad times, when it should be something that leads you daily?