

I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. (Proverbs 24:30-31)

The slothful man saith, there is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets. (Proverbs 26:13)

And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

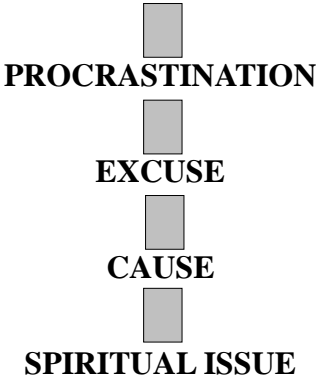
And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. (Luke 9:59-62)

And as he (Paul) reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee. (Acts 24:25)

Causes of Slothfulness

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Some Common Rationalizations.

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Spiritual Issues of Procrastination

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Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: (Isaiah 55:6)

I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments. (Psalm 119:60)

(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) (2 Corinthians 6:2)

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,

Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: Forty years long was I grieved with this generation... (Psalm 95:7-10)

For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

For some, when they had heard, did provoke: (Hebrews 3:14-16)

Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Hebrews 4:7)

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And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. (Genesis 19:16)

But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

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While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. (Hebrews 3:13-15)

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The Solution To Procrastination

**Diligence:
Instant obedience
To the initial promptings
Of God's Spirit**

**I made haste, and delayed not
To keep thy commandments.
(Psalm 119:60)**

Some Quotes On Procrastination *(Can you sort the truth from the deceit)*

Why put off today what you can put off again tomorrow.
(Mark Twain)

The best part about procrastination is that you are never bored, because you always have number of tasks that you should be working on.

Seminar on "How To Conquer Procrastination" had to be put off because those who intended to enroll hadn't.

Anyone can do any amount of work providing it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing at that moment.

Work is the greatest thing in the world, so we should always save some of it for tomorrow.

The sooner I fall behind, the more time I have to catch up.

Tomorrow is often the busiest day of the week.

Procrastination gives you something to look forward to.
(Joan Konner)

I'm going to stop putting things off, starting tomorrow!
(Sam Levenson)

Procrastination is the grave in which opportunity is buried.

When there is a hill to climb, don't think that waiting will make it smaller.

I don't wait for moods. You accomplish nothing if you do that. Your mind must know it has got to get down to work. (Pearl S. Buck)

Do the hard jobs first. The easy jobs will take care of themselves. (Dale Carnegie)

Delay always breeds danger; and to protract a great design is often to ruin it. (Miguel De Cervantes)

Never leave that till tomorrow which you can do today."
(Benjamin Franklin)

It is an undoubted truth, that the less one has to do, the less time one finds to do it in. (Lord Chesterfield)

Know the true value of time; snatch, seize, and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness; no laziness; no procrastination; never put off till tomorrow what you can do today. (Lord Chesterfield)

Procrastination is opportunity's natural assassin. (Victor Kiam)

The leading rule for the lawyer, as for the man of every other calling, is diligence. Leave nothing for to-morrow which can be done to-day. (Abraham Lincoln)

Tomorrow is the only day in the year that appeals to a lazy man. (Jimmy Lyons)