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Sunday Morning Prayer & Scripture

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“The Danger Of Procrastination”

(Procrastination Is The Thief Of Time)

What did God say about Procrastination? - Although the Bible does not explicitly label procrastination as a sin, it can be considered a sin of omission according to **James 4:17**, “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”

In the Bible, the sin of Omission refers to failing to do what God commands or failing to act in accordance with what is known to be right. It is considered a serious sin, as much as actively disobeying God.

In the Bible, slothfulness is depicted as a form of sin, primarily associated with idleness and a lack of diligence in work and spiritual pursuits. The Bible emphasizes the importance of work, both for physical sustenance and for fulfilling one's calling, and warns against the dangers of neglecting one's responsibilities

Matthew 21:28-31

Amplified Bible

(28) “What do you think? There was a man who had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’

Amplified Bible

(29) And he answered, ‘I will not’; but afterward he regretted it *and* changed his mind and went.

New International Version

(30) “Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

Contemporary English Version

(31) Which one of the sons obeyed his father? “The older one,” the chief priests and leaders answered. Then Jesus told them: You can be sure tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you ever will!

Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 – (4) When you make a vow or a pledge to God, do not put off paying it; for *God takes* no pleasure in fools [**who thoughtlessly mock Him**]. (5) Pay what you vow. It's better not to make a promise at all than to make one and not keep it.



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Which of the two did the will of his father?” - This question is part of a parable Jesus tells to illustrate obedience and repentance. The context is a conversation with the religious leaders, who are being challenged to consider their own actions in light of God's will. The parable involves two sons, one who initially refuses to work in the vineyard but later **repents** and goes, and another **who agrees to go but does not**. This reflects the broader biblical theme of true obedience being demonstrated **through actions rather than mere words**.

The tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you - This statement would have been shocking to Jesus' audience, as tax collectors and prostitutes were considered sinners and outcasts in Jewish society. By stating that these individuals are entering the kingdom of God before the religious leaders, Jesus highlights the power of **repentance and faith over mere religious status or outward piety**. This echoes the message of John the Baptist, who called for repentance and prepared the way for Jesus (Matthew 3:1-2). It also aligns with the prophetic tradition of **God valuing a contrite heart** over ritual sacrifice, as seen in passages like Psalms 51:17. Jesus' ministry consistently reached out to those marginalized by society, demonstrating the inclusive nature of God's kingdom.

In the Bible, a contrite heart - signifies a humble and repentant state of mind. It's a heart that recognizes its own sinfulness and brokenness, acknowledges God's goodness, and desires forgiveness and reconciliation.

David and Bathsheba - After his sin with Bathsheba, David's deep repentance and sorrow demonstrate a contrite heart. (**Humility and Recognition of Sin - Remorse and Sorrow - Seeking God's Mercy - Submission to God's Will - Dependency on God**)

Luke 12:43-47

Majority Standard Bible

(43) Blessed is that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns.

GOD'S WORD® Translation

(44) I can guarantee this truth: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.

Amplified Bible

(45) But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is taking his time in coming,' and begins to beat the servants, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk,

Contemporary English Version

(46) If that happens, the master will come on a day and at a time when the servant least expects him. That servant will then be punished and thrown out with the servants who cannot be trusted.

Amplified Bible

(47) And that servant who knew his master's will, and yet did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will be beaten with many lashes [of the whip],



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Hebrews 10:26-31

Amplified Bible

(26) For if we go on willfully *and* deliberately sinning after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice [to atone] for our sins [that is, no further offering to anticipate],

Weymouth New Testament

(26) For if we wilfully persist in sin after having received the full knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains in reserve any other sacrifice for sins.

Amplified Bible

(27) but a kind of awful *and* terrifying expectation of [divine] judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE *and* BURNING WRATH WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES [those who put themselves in opposition to God].

New Living Translation

(28) For anyone who refused to obey the law of Moses was put to death without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

GOD'S WORD® Translation

(29) What do you think a person who shows no respect for the Son of God deserves? That person looks at the blood of the promise (the blood that made him holy) as no different from other people's blood, and he insults the Spirit that God gave us out of his kindness. He deserves a much worse punishment.

Amplified Bible

(30) For we know Him who said, “VENGEANCE IS MINE [retribution and the deliverance of justice rest with Me], I WILL REPAY [the wrongdoer].” And again, “THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.”

Amplified Bible

(31) It is a fearful *and* terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God [incurring His judgment and wrath].

Ezekiel 3:18-19

If I say to the wicked man, ‘You will surely die,’ but you do not warn him or speak out to warn him from his wicked way to save his life, that wicked man will die in his iniquity, and I will hold you responsible for his blood. / But if you warn a wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness and his wicked way, he will die in his iniquity, but you will have saved yourself.

Galatians 6:9-10

Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. / Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to the family of faith



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TALMID DISCIPLE

When I first became a follower of Jesus, someone told me I had become a “disciple.” I understood that being a disciple was like being a student—I needed to study the life of Jesus and learn as much about Him as possible. So I did. I read books, listened to messages, and even attended a six-week discipleship class.

Years later, I learned that in Jesus’ time, a disciple was called a *talmid*, which can refer to a student, but more accurately refers to an “apprentice.” You see, while a student learns head knowledge in order to *know* what the teacher *knows*, an apprentice works with the teacher to learn what the teacher *does* so he or she can imitate what the teacher *does*. *Talmidim* (plural for *talmid*) didn’t just attend a class or read a book—they left their jobs and families and communities to follow their rabbi and watch how he lived. They wanted to be just like their rabbi—to *do* what their rabbi *did*.

The question for you today is this: Are you a disciple or a student of Jesus? Are you doing what He did, or do you just know a lot about Jesus? Do you love your neighbors and your enemies? Do you forgive those who hurt you? Do you pray for the people who have wronged you—or are still doing wrong by you? Do you welcome those people the world rejects and condemns? Do you have what it takes to be a *talmid* today? Will you be another student who knows about Jesus—or a disciple who lives as Jesus lived?

How To Pronounce “Talmid” (tal-meed)



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