

Complacency

Sometimes Believers entertain very foolish and dangerous thoughts such as; Don't get too concerned, keep things as they are, let someone else take care of it, set back, relax, and see what is going on. After all God will work things out for us.

A few things about complacency.

Complacency lowers Gods standards.

1 Kings 11:1-4 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women . . . The Lord had clearly instructed his people not to intermarry with those nations . . . Yet Solomon insisted on loving them anyway . . . And sure enough, they led his heart away from the Lord . . .

Solomon's complacency toward God and God's commands led him into sin and its devastating consequences.

Complacency lowers our morals, and behavior.

2 Samuel 11:2-5 2 Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. 3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" 4 Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. 5 And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child."

David knew better but became complacent toward God's word.

Complacency lowers our level of personal expectation.

A Danish philosopher, told a story about a goose who was wounded and who landed in a barnyard with some chickens. He played with the chickens and ate with the chickens. After a while that goose thought he was a chicken. One day a flight of geese came over, migrating to their new home. They gave a honk up there in the sky, and he heard it.

"Something stirred within the breast of this goose. Something called him to the skies. He began to flap the wings he hadn't used, and he rose a few feet into the air. Then he stopped, and he settled back again into the barnyard. He heard the cry, but he settled for less."

Complacency lowers our thinking; no responsibility, that it will be O.K.

Zephaniah 1:12-13

12 And it shall come to pass at that time That I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

Those complacent don't like to move out of our comfort zone.

But the wise is the person who remembers God daily in times of both need and prosperity.

We can overcome complacency by complete surrender, with praise and thanksgiving, and humility

Understand the importance the scripture

1 Thessalonians 5:18

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

In giving thanks to God we receive an understanding of our own identity, and responsibilities.

In giving thanks to God we gain a greater incentive to live our lives in holiness and consecration, and sanctification.

In giving thanks to God we grow in wisdom, knowledge and understanding of God and His purposes.

Being complacent means we are not very concerned, we keep things as they are, let someone else take care of things, we set back, relax, and see what is going on. After all God will work things for us, we don't get to involved if we can avoid it.

When life is good, easy, and comfortable, God becomes a God of last resort.

When we are in need, we usually take God more seriously. But when we are comfortable, and at ease, and prosperous, it is easier to become complacent about God and his kingdom.

Satan is more than willing to keep us complacent, to keep us lazy.

An ancient story recalls how Satan once summoned his top three aides to plan how to stop a group of dedicated Christians from effective missionary work.

One of the lieutenants, **Rancor**, said to Satan, "We should convince them that there is no God." Satan sneered at **Rancor** and replied, "That would never work. They know that there is a God."

Another of Satan's aides, **Bitterness**, spoke up. "We'll convince them that God does not really care about right or wrong." Satan toyed with the notion for a few moments, but rejected it because he knew that too many Christians know that God does care.

Malice, the third satanic helper, came up with his idea. "We'll let them go on thinking that there is a God and that He cares about right and

wrong. But we will keep whispering that there is no hurry, there is no hurry."

Satan howled with glee. He advanced Malice higher in his malevolent organization. Satan knew that he would find this stratagem successful with many, many Christians.

Zephaniah 1:12-13

12 And it shall come to pass at that time That I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

And punish the men Who are settled in complacency, Who say in their heart, 'The Lord will not do good, Nor will He do evil.'

Zephaniah 1:12

12 "It will come about at that time That I will search Jerusalem with lamps, And I will punish the men Who are stagnant in spirit, Who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good or evil!'