



SLOTH

The Sin That Needs No Effort

Daily Prayer

Dear God,

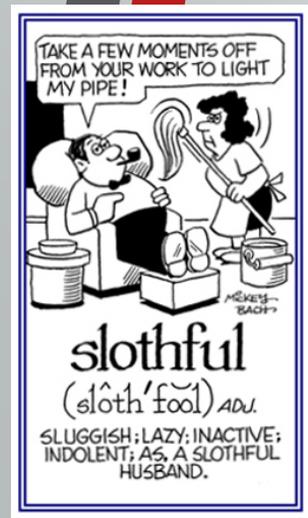
I surrender my life to you. Help me to change my will to Thy will. I consecrate before You this 40 day season for my change. I ask for and expect to be a new creature after this 40 day consecration. I ask for and expect The 40 Day Miracle within my life, mind, and spirit. Opposition, resistance, and challenge will come; but I know that greater is He who is within me than he who is in the world. I will overcome every temptation, opposition, doubter, resistance, challenge, and past habit.

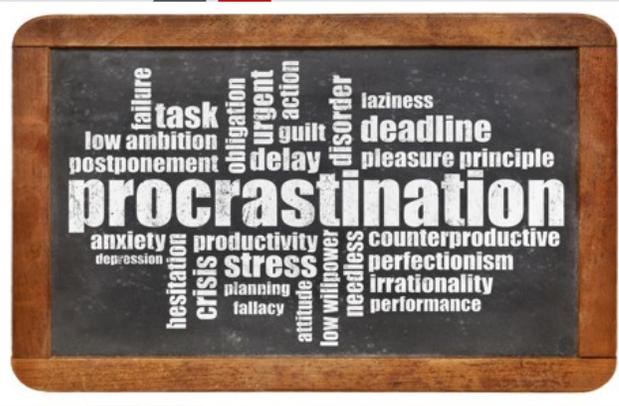
With your help Dear God, I will succeed.



SLOTH – reluctance to work or make an effort; laziness.

- Sloth can entail different vices. While sloth is sometimes defined as physical laziness, spiritual laziness is emphasized. Failing to develop spiritually is key to becoming guilty of sloth.
- Sloth is apathy – not caring about others or living life in a fulfilling way
- When one is apathetic they do not help their fellow people and this affects their spiritual well-being.
- An slothful person commits no good deeds.
- In *Othello* the storm's destruction of the Turkish fleet leaves the group idle and therefore prone to trouble and open to manipulation by Iago.





Scripture



- Proverbs 12:21 – The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor.
- Proverbs 26:15 – The sluggard buries his hand in the dish; it wears him out to bring it back to his mouth.
- II Thessalonians 3:6 – Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us.
- Matthew 25:26 – But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You know I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed?’



Newton's 1st Law of Physics – an object at rest stays at rest and an object in motion stays in motion with the same speed and direction unless acted upon by an outside force.

- The Christian version is - faith at rest withers and fades but faith in action can move the world. i.e. Mother Teresa, Franklin Graham, Martin Luther, Martin Luther King, etc.
Hebrews 6:12 – We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

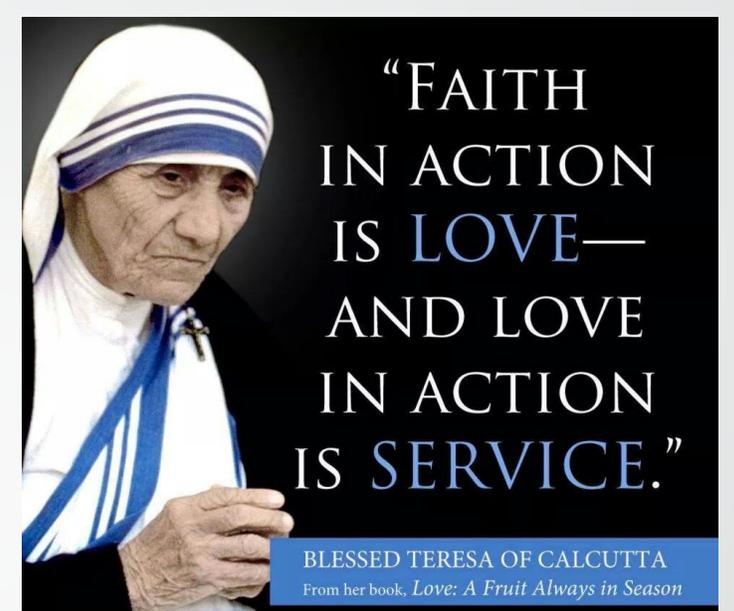
Matthew 13:3-8 – A farmer went out to sow his seeds. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among the thorns which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown.



Newton's second law states
Force equals mass times acceleration
 $F=m*a$.

- However the Christian version is Faith equals meditation times action.

James 2:14-17 – What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes or daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.



How Do We Stay in Faithful Motion?!

- Meditation – Yes, being in purposeful silent devotion is action.

Psalms 46:10 – Be Still and Know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

Psalms 1:1-2 – Blessed is the one who does not walk in the step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

Psalms 19:7-8 – To meditate on God’s word, you should make them a vital and constant part of your daily life.

- Service, Service, and Service – Quiet on the set, ready,... ACTION!

Galatians 5:13 – You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Romans 12:1 – Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.

Matthew 23:11 – The greatest among you will be your servant

- Fellowship with one another.

Hebrews 13:16 – And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Colossians 3:16 – Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Questions, Comments,... etc., etc., etc.

