



## No Growth - Idling

**And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.**

*1 Timothy 5:1*

**Ideas** ----- Romans 12:2

**Danger** ----- Acts 19:40

**Lazy** ----- Judges 18:9

**Imagining** ----- 2 Corinthians 10:5

**Neutral** ----- Psalms 74:11

**Gab** ----- Proverbs 21:23

Idling is popular in terms of a vehicle making noise and not moving. However, this is similar to a person making noise and not doing something productive for themselves. Many people end up like this today for different reasons. Some are related to family, personal relationships, business, and finances. Idling can be very dangerous for any human being, especially as we get older. A person must do something to make something happen for themselves.

Idling is a person that is drifting. These are people not focusing on anything, in particular, just going through the motions to see what will happen. Idling is a different form of resting. There is resting from doing something but inactive from doing nothing? Idling is a person doing nothing useful. They show disinterest in themselves by meddling in people's business and creating unnecessary gossip against others.

The personal battle for believers is to overcome the flesh and utilise the information God has put in them. In the book of Second Samuel, chapter eleven, verse one, David succumbs to idling. This time was a time for all kings to go forth into battle. However, David sent Joab, and he tarried behind in Jerusalem. The focus on the will of God for this king opens up to thoughts on the carnal nature. Idling

causes us to neglect the plans of God to carry out the enemy's agenda.

Idling can be very dangerous to an individual who does it. This behaviour could affect financial productivity for the family. If both spouses have a home and one decides not to continue support and falls back into idling, this will affect the family. The consequences are unnecessary pressure, stress, worry, and mental strain that could occur. Idling changes the inactivity of one to jeopardise the health and well-being of other siblings.

Idling is a person who becomes lazy with the opportunity to work physically and achieve something realistically. God calls it slothful, word for lazy in the Bible. Philippians chapter two verse twelve, He desires us to be enthusiastic within, serving Him externally. Therefore, there is no opportunity for believers to resort to being lazy. Idlers will admire others and give praise and not raise themselves to labour.

Idling leads to imagining. This activity is one of the worst things that could happen to a person. There is more energy used in thinking than the actual part of doing. The memory of an individual will consider the things they have in mind. However, the fact a person does not carry out the process of these dreams could cause them to overthink. There is no release of the thoughts to continue with something else if the heart desires to do it. Imagining are images that we conceive in our minds. The more we harp on them, the more the motive to bring to fruition.

Idling is starting something and not being able to finish what we started. What is the cause of this condition? There could be several reasons. Procrastination is when a person begins and does not apply themselves to continue. Contemplate is an individual that plans well but is not able to execute. Distraction is another, where the person starts but keeps getting various interruptions from other sources while making no progress.

Idling associates with a person that talks a lot. Some people walk their talk and those who do not carry out as they say. That is what separates idlers from doers. These people are storytellers with no intention of fulfilling them. Idling is so easy to get caught up in what we are saying. The fact that it draws so much attention from the listeners is attractive. However, when the speech is over, those same hearers are waiting to see the results.

Idling is a counterfeit of being busy. It appears active only to find inactivity. Busybodies being busy in someone else's business. God expects believers to be doers. Idling is idlers who behave like idols. They are just there. Appear to be doing nothing much of anything.