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PROCRASTINATION

1. **A Destructive Vice** We are so used to procrastination that it may seem exaggerated to label it as *destructive*, but it is in so many ways. *Indolence, selfishness, hedonism, and lack of honesty* are root causes of procrastination. All these are serious character flaws. (Prov 21:25) “*The _____ of the slothful killeth him; for his hands _____ to _____.*” This same man will tell you, “We’ll get it done tomorrow,” knowing full well he can invent yet another excuse then.
2. **Solomon’s Observation** (Prov 24:30-31) “*I went by the _____ of the slothful, and by the _____ of the man _____ of _____; And, lo, it was all _____ with thorns, and _____ had covered the face thereof, and the _____ thereof was _____ down.*” It doesn’t take long to discover the *habitual* and *intentional* prevarication of people who want to “put things off.” The appropriate command is (Eccl 9:10) “*Whatsoever thy _____ findeth _____, do it with thy _____*” and (Titus 3:1) “*be _____ to _____ good work.*”
3. **Depending On Tomorrow May Be Futile** James said (4:14) that “*ye _____ what shall be on the morrow.*” We don’t even know if we will be alive. He gives sage advice: (V15) “*For that ye _____, If the Lord _____, we shall live, and _____ this, or that.*”
4. **The Lion Without – The Lazy Man’s Excuse** (Prov 22:13) “*The slothful man saith, There is a _____ without, I shall be _____ in the _____.*” Yes Sir! If I dare get up and go outside to do the work that is awaiting me, that lurking lion will kill me. (26:13) “*The slothful man saith, There is a lion _____.*” The word “way” means a *path, or road*. He might say, “If I wait until tomorrow maybe he’ll be gone.” If he keeps saying that day after day he’ll soon be able to describe in minute detail exactly what that imaginary lion looks like. If we aren’t careful we can (2 Thess 2:11), little by little, experience a “*strong _____*” and “*believe _____.*”
5. **Why Do People Procrastinate?** It certainly allows one to “put off” something he/she doesn’t want to do right now. It promotes temporary self-gratification. We often hear, “Oh, I’ll do that later,” or, “I’ll do it tomorrow.” It is an age-old excuse. (Jas 4:13) “*Go to now, ye that say, _____ or _____ we will go into _____ a _____, and continue there a year, and _____ and _____, and get gain.*” The danger? See Q#3. Life is (V14) “*even a _____, that appeareth for a _____ time, and then _____ away.*” When you shirk your duties others always suffer.
6. **God Is Not A Procrastinator** We are (2 Cor 6:1) “*workers _____ with him*” and (1 Cor 3:9) “*labourers _____ with God.*” God could never procrastinate. We are to work *together* with Him and had better not be lazy or procrastinate. (Mt 19:26) “*With God all _____ are _____.*” Why? (a) He is God. (b) He never procrastinates. (c) We must be like Him.
7. **The Dependability Factor** Procrastinators are unreliable; Christians are dependable. They (1 Tim 4:10) “*_____ in the _____ God.*” He is (1 Pet 4:19) “*a _____ Creator*” and those who “*_____ the keeping of their _____ to him*” know they must be trustworthy.