

8. **How It Impacts Oneself** The chronic procrastinator is a master of self-deceit and becomes increasingly arrogant as time passes. (Prov 26:16) “*The sluggard is _____ in his _____ than _____ men that can render a _____.*” **We all need to work on this one:** (Phil 2:3) “*Esteem _____ better than themselves.*” The Wise Man said: (Prov 4:23) “*Keep thy _____ with all _____; for out of it are the _____ of life.*” Remember, (Prov 12:15) “*The way of a _____ is right in his _____.*” We can’t learn once we reach the point that we won’t listen. Self-justification stops reason dead in its tracks.
9. **It Is Self-Serving** The biblical injunction “*love thy neighbour*” isn’t very highly regarded by procrastinators since they don’t mind putting others in a bind by causing them to have to *wait, change their plans,* and even *do the work* the procrastinator has put off. (Mt 7:12) “*Therefore _____ whatsoever ye would that men should _____, do ye even so _____: for this is the law and the prophets.*” Procrastinators have little regard for the Golden Rule. They dislike it when others disrupt their lives and plans but disregard how their negligence impacts others. They are (2 Tim 3:2) “*_____ of their _____ selves.*”
10. **It Assures Failure To Reach The Goal** Our Lord wants each of us to reach our potential. Malachi asks (1:8), “*And if ye _____ the _____ for _____, is it not evil? and if ye offer the _____ and _____, is it not evil?*” Jesus showed that when we do our very best we are still undeserving of God’s grace. (Lk 17:10) “*When ye shall have done _____ those things which are _____ you, say, We are _____ servants: we have done that which was our _____ to do.*” If, when we do our best, we still (Rom 3:23) “*_____ of the glory of God,*” how can we expect God’s approval when we procrastinate?
11. **Procrastinators Set Bad Examples** The Christian is to (Mt 5:16) “*let your _____ so _____ before men, that they may see _____, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*” Others are aware of your *indolence, lack of preparedness,* and *failure to produce* in a timely fashion. Christians must be (Phil 2:15) “*blameless and _____, the sons of God, without _____*” and “*shine as _____ in the _____.*” Your seeming lack of interest and “*draggy*” lifestyle could well send a wrong signal and cause a weak person to be lost.
12. **But I Am Immune From Blame?** (1 Cor 8:9) “*But take heed lest by any means this _____ of yours become a _____ to them that are _____.*” Jesus used a little child to illustrate the point. (Mt 18:6) “*Whoso shall _____ one of these little ones which _____ in me, it were better for him that a _____ were hanged about his neck, and that he were _____ in the depth of the sea.*” (a) We must remember (Rom 14:23) that “*whatsoever is _____ of _____ is sin,*” and that (2 Thess 3:2) “*all _____ have not faith.*” (b) In the OT Malachi wrote (2:8) that “*ye are departed _____ of the _____; ye have caused many to _____ at the law.*” Consider that your daily deportment is under scrutiny, that you will answer to God for how you influence others.
13. **But, I Don’t Want To Become A Fanatic!** Fanaticism simply means *excessive* enthusiasm. (Phil 4:5) “*Let your _____ be known unto _____ men.*” There is much difference between becoming fanatical about work, play, and spiritual matters, and being a procrastinator. The key is the Bible word “*moderation.*” Solomon said (Eccl 3:6) that there is “*a time to _____, and a time to _____.*” (1 Thess 5:21-22) “*Prove _____ things; _____ that which is good.*”
14. **Summation** If you are a “*deep-dyed-in-the-wool, slow-moving, hate-to-get-started, rather-put-it-off, don’t-get-too-excited-about-it*” type person, this Bible lesson may not move you. Time may mean little to you. You may even see “*a lion in the street.*” You may believe that you love God and neighbors, never realizing how little effort you make to show it. You can fool yourself but (Gal 6:7) “*be not _____; God _____ mocked: for whatsoever a man _____, that shall he also _____.*” Procrastination is sinful. Remember, only (Prov 14:9) “*fools make a _____ at sin.*”