

6. **Missed Opportunities Are Gone Forever** “For we must needs die, and are as water spilled on the ground.” Scripture? _____ Water, spilled on the ground, is irretrievable. (Titus 3:8) “That they which _____ in God might be careful to _____ good works.” (V14) “And let ours also _____ to maintain good works for _____ uses.” If maintenance is not performed on a car, a house, etc., it will soon fall into disrepair and will cease to be any good. (Eccl 10:18) “By much slothfulness the _____ decayeth; and through _____ of the hands the house droppeth through.” Is it the neglectful man, or the diligent man, that misses opportunities?
7. **Christians Must Give All Diligence** (Prov 4:23) “Keep thy _____ with all _____; for out of it are the _____ of life.” What is the heart? _____ What is diligence? _____ Jude says, “Beloved, when I gave all diligence _____ unto you of the _____ salvation.” Scripture? _____ Was this an important and serious matter with Jude? _____
8. **Peter’s Commentary On Diligence (as opposed to neglect)** (2 Pet 1) “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your (a) faith (b) virtue; and to virtue (c) knowledge; And to knowledge (d) temperance; and to temperance (e) patience; and to patience (f) godliness; And to godliness (g) brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness (h) charity.” These eight qualities are often referred to as the Christian Graces. Peter is simply saying don’t _____ adding them. Note: (V10) “Give _____ to make your _____ and _____ sure.” What does the word *sure* mean here? _____ (V12) “I will not be _____ to put you always in _____ of these things.”
9. **We Sin By Neglecting To Study** (a) Study means more than poring over the Bible verse by verse. (b) It includes (1 Thess 4:11) analyzing, categorizing, and prioritizing *all the issues of life*. (Prov 23:7) “For as he _____ in his _____, so is he.” (c) We are told, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” Scripture? _____ One is shamed by his ignorance. If he studies and gets things right, he won’t need to be ashamed. What did Paul say about the gospel (Rom 1:16)? _____ It is God’s natural law for things to grow? _____ Spiritually, we are to “grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ”. Scripture? _____ Can I possibly grow in knowledge if I neglect to study? _____ (Hos 4:6) “My people are _____ for _____ of _____.” Is knowledge inborn, or is it acquired? _____ If we want it, we must work to get it.
10. **We Sin By Neglecting To Act** A man can’t act on knowledge he has failed to obtain. It is even worse for a man that possesses knowledge to refuse to use it. This is often called the *sin of omission*. (Jas 4:17) “Therefore to him that _____ to do good, and _____, to him it is sin.” All sin is damnable! It is hard to say that sins of omission are worse than any other class of sins, but slothfulness and neglect are severely condemned in the Scriptures. (Prov 13:4) “The soul of the _____ desireth, and hath _____: but the soul of the _____ shall be made fat.” (a) Note the word *soul*. (b) The *nothing* the sluggard fails to receive eliminates heaven. (c) The term *fat* or *fatness* in the Bible means *rich* or *richness*.
11. **Procrastination Means To Put Off Deliberately And Intentionally** Accountability is not only about what one knows, but what he could have known. Responsibility comes with accountability. (Heb 3:13) “But exhort one another _____, while it is called _____; lest any of you be _____ through the deceitfulness of sin.” If we procrastinate, we may get to where we don’t care. “The mother of Sisera looked out at a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? why tarry the wheels of his chariots?” Scripture? _____ Why did the wheels of his chariot *tarry*? _____ Was he procrastinating? _____ Was she worried? _____ Do you cause others to worry unnecessarily when you are delinquent (ie: late)? _____ Does it bother you when you cause others to wait on you? _____ In the story of the 10 virgins (Mt 25), who were approved? _____ Why? _____ Will God approve us if we are always late, unprepared, and full of excuses? _____ Kind reader, take this to heart.