

Women of Courage
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“Idleness of Mind”

Idleness – Laziness, indolence (avoidance of activity) Slothfulness, negligence, inaction, unemployment, a state of inaction.

Idle – Avoiding working, lazy, not active or in use, without purpose or effect, pointless, without foundation, empty, meaningless, aimless, worthless, vain (empty). A word that produces no good effect.

Vain – producing no result, useless, futile. Having no meaning or likelihood of fulfillment. Ineffective, ineffectual.

Idleness of mind & character – We get lazy when thoughts or conversations come. We get tired of having to control every thought that wants to captivate us. The adversary will bring Idle words, thoughts and accusations against you, people and the Lord. It is meant to tear down and not build up. Controlling thoughts or bridling our tongue is not in our carnal nature. Therefore, being transformed by the renewing of our mind daily, we must not become lazy, but always bring our thoughts under the control of the Word of Jehovah. Always being aware that we cannot foster any thought that is contrary to the Truth. Jesus answered Satan with “It is written”. Always aware of who he is and never allowed his thoughts to be out of control but always controlled by the Truth and always ready to give an answer.

We become hearers only and forget that we must position our mind daily on the Truth of Existence. We must not become idle (lazy) in our minds and conduct. Always aware of how we should conduct ourselves. An Idle mind will dwell on situations or people in a wrong way. How should we position our mind every day? We tend to let our minds wonder and therefore it begins to dwell in idle thoughts and therefore will cause wrong motive in how we conduct ourselves before people or how we talk about people. We think in vain words (empty) and useless, which is unproductive in our lives. It will lead to actions that cause hurt, destruction, and death. It breaks up families and friendships. It can destroy a person’s life. Idle words are thoughts first. We must be ever aware and vigilant to keep our thoughts right (up lifting and salted with love and life) so our conduct reflects our Father’s and Jesus’ nature and character. Truly Born Again and transformed in thought and deed.

2 Cor 10: 3-5 – KJV – For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh. (4) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through Jehovah to the pulling down of strongholds. (5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of Jehovah and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

NIV – For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. (4) The weapons we fight are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have power to demolish strongholds. (5) We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of Jehovah and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Wuest – For, though we are ordering our behavior in the sphere of human experience, not in accordance with mere human considerations are we waging warfare, for the weapons of our warfare are not human but mighty in Jehovah's sight, resulting in the demolition of fortresses, demolishing reasonings and every haughty mental elevation which lifts itself up against the experiential knowledge of Jehovah, and leading captive every thought into the obedience to the Christ.

Matthew 12: 34 – KJV – O generation of vipers, how can you being evil (dysfunctional) speak good (functional) things? For out of the abundance of the heart (mind) the mouth speaks.

Matthew 12: 36-37 – KJV – But I say that every idle word that men shall speak he shall give an account thereof in the day of judgement. For by your words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Wuest – Moreover I am saying to you, every word which men shall speak which has no legitimate work, which is inoperative and thus morally useless and unprofitable, they shall give an account of at the day of judgement, for by your words you shall be justified or by your words shall you be condemned.

“For by your words” – Cambridge Bible – Character shows itself by words

Albert Barnes – That is “words” are the indication of the true principles of the heart (mind). By “words” the heart (mind) shall be known, as the trees are by its fruit.

Proverbs 6: 12-19 – A troublemaker and a villain, who goes about with a corrupt mouth, who winks maliciously with his eye, signals with his feet and motions with his fingers, who plots evil (dysfunction) with deceit in his heart (mind). He always stirs up conflict. Therefore, disaster will overtake him in an instant.

(16) There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him.

(17) Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood (18) a heart (mind) that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil

(dysfunction) (19) A false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

Don't bear false witness that can cause a person's life to be destroyed. Speaking useless words that aren't productive for the Kingdom of Jehovah.

- Leviticus 19:16
- Psalms 10:4, 10:7, 17:3, 19:14, 36:4, 37:13, 39:1, 49:3, 50:19, 55:21, 73:6-8, 101:5-7, 111:10, 112:1
- Proverbs 1:16, 12:22, 14:5, 15:16, 16:1, 16:28, 18:21, 20:19, 22:10, 26:20, 26:28, 28:14
- Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- Isaiah 59:3-7
- Jeremiah 4:14
- Hosea 4:1-2
- Micah 2:1
- Zechariah 8:17
- Matthew 15:19
- John 8:44
- Romans 3:15
- 2 Corinthians 7:1
- Philippians 3:19
- Colossians 2:18-19
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6
- 1 Timothy 5:13
- 2 Timothy 2:23
- James 1:13-15, 3:10, 14-16, 18
- 1 Peter 4:15 / Revelation 22:15