

Sins of Omission

James 4:17

I. Neglecting Daily Time with God

John 15:4-5

The most crucial way we abide in Jesus is daily Bible study and relational prayer

It is **IMPOSSIBLE** to live in the true fullness and power of the Holy Spirit without daily prayer and close connection to God's Word

Neglecting daily time with God completely prevents spiritual cleansing and growth

We must spend significant time in Bible reading and prayer.

How long in long enough?

Are you too busy for God yet find time for what you really want to do?

To neglect this aspect of our relationship with God is to settle for staying who we are.

We are called to be in a **RELATIONSHIP** with Christ and this develops through **INTIMACY**

II. Neglecting Our Verbal Witness

Acts 1:8

God has called all of His children to be a verbal witness in daily life.

If we fail to consistently witness, we will become responsible for the lost condition of those around us

Ezekiel 3:18

Make a prayer list of lost people you encounter on a regular basis

Pray and look for opportunities to witness to them

Be the church and don't just go to church 1 Peter 3:15

III. Neglecting the Use of Our Spiritual Gifts

Ephesians 4:8

God has given spiritual gifts to every believer and each gift is to be used consistently in the body of Christ

God calls every believer to serve Him and excel in His work

Ask God to reveal to you your spiritual gift and then go to work using it

Look for ways to serve God and never be content to just sit and be served

Ministry is not a spectator sport

Each gift used must be exercised with all diligence

Don't be spiritually lazy

Joy comes in obedience

IV. Neglecting Our Victory Over Sin

Romans 6:14, Hebrews 4:1

God has promised full victory over the sins and weaknesses that enslave us

Many believers tragically live year after year in bondage to the same sins and failures

Many of these really do not want to be free

Identify your spiritual strongholds and claim God's full victory

Are you overcoming your sins or just putting up with them?

Do you make excuses for you sin by calling them a "weakness" or a "personality trait"?

Do you believe that you really can be free?

We must determine to be free from the strongholds in our lives

We must settle for nothing less than full victory

Confession and repentance

V. Neglecting Leadership Responsibilities

James 3:1, Luke 12:48

Pastors, teachers, and leaders have been give a huge responsibility before God

Leading God's people is a high and holy calling

It is a glorious privilege that carries a stronger possibility of judgment from God
It is especially crucial for preachers and teachers to exercise their calling with all diligence, integrity, and personal holiness
Leaders are held to a higher standard before God

VI. Neglecting the Command to be Earnest Seekers

Jeremiah 29:13, James 5:16

God desires us to be earnest seekers

God does not chase us down to force revelations down our throats

He speaks mostly to those who consistently seek Him in fervent prayer and fasting

Most modern believers know nothing of seeking God with true fervency

Seeking is often convenient and costs little

We must seek God for more of His daily presence and power

Since God required fervent prayer and fasting in past awakenings, why would He make an exception for us?

VII. Neglecting to Obey God's Word the Moment He Speaks

James 1: 23-24

The sin of "showcase repentance"

We almost make a game of dissecting Scripture yet have no intention of actual obedience

When you are exposed to God's searching Word, He holds you doubly responsible for what you have seen

The servant that knows his master's will and does not do it is counted worthy of greater punishment

Luke 12:47

Delayed obedience is disobedience