THE SPIRIT OF LAZINESS

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Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life, thank you for your mercies that endureth for ever. Oh lord may you fill us with your holy spirit so that we would be able to understand your word. We pray for the word of tonight to dwell in us in wisdom, change our lives through this sermon in Jesus name I pray Amen..

Study

Good day once again dear saints, so sorry for starting the teaching late, it's due to some delays. Tonight, we would be looking into a topic which is not really new to some of us because some of us are guilty of it. Just as we know that Spirits are invisible, they cannot be seen with the physical eyes, most times, you only feel them around because of the way your physical body will react when a spirit is around, therefore the Spirit of laziness cannot be seen with physical eyes, its works and deeds can only be seen in someone possessing it.

What is laziness?

Laziness is the act of not wanting to work or do anything.

It's the lack of enthusiasm for anything which involves strength, power and energy.

Laziness is so much rampant amongst all, both young and old, it's not left out in a lot of people's lives both Christians and unbelievers, It's general these days and if we refuse to look into this issue in Christiandom, it will cause a lot of problem to the body of Christ because the dangers of laziness are so many.

The Spirit of laziness is that Spirit which will make one lose love for anything that will involve one using his power or might, the spirit of laziness has nothing to do with whether you are Spiritual or not, so far it sees a space in you to reside, it dwells there till the person decides to chase it out of his/her life. This Spirit will always look for a place to dwell, it will always look for a system to dwell in and anybody who is loose will have the spirit working in him/her. One thing about this spirit in someone is that it never give up, it will keep on trying to stay in someone even after it must have been cast out, let's look at this verse

Luke 11:24 KJV When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

This shows that spirits do not give up so easily, they will always want to go back into where they have been sent, they are highly stubborn and always refuse to let go their prey. When you see someone who is so lazy to the point that the person would rather tell someone afar off to help him/her in taking a particular thing even when the lazy person is closer to the thing than the person that is afar, what this spirit causes is so funny and bad when viewed from the aspect of life, some people feel so comfortable with this spirit in them which now makes them miss a lot of things and opportunities, some have this spirit in them but don't even know because they believe it's normal. There are two kinds of laziness which this spirit can administer. We all know that when a person is sick, the person goes to the doctor and the doctor administers drugs to the patient, therefore when a man makes the kingdom of darkness sick, they administer different Spirits to go and work on such person in which the spirit of laziness can mostly be among them and if the person is not watchful enough, the person will be brought down by such spirits.

The two kinds of laziness this spirit administers are;

1. Physical laziness

2. Spiritual laziness

Be well informed that these two are controlled by a spirit, this spirit work in diverse ways just to ensure that people are destroyed. The two kinds of laziness the spirit of laziness administers as well as their dangers/consequences

1. **Physical laziness:** this is the act of being physically lazy, such a person refuses work at regular intervals, this kind of laziness is seen in children, youths, married men, married women and even aged men and women. This is what has prompted a lot of wives in getting a house maid and their maids end up snatching their husbands, of course, there must be a reward for the spirit of laziness. It's laziness that makes people who are really capable of working and earning (even if it's little) to move from one place to another begging for alms even when they have functioning hands and legs which makes some of them get hit by vehicles during the process of begging. The physical laziness that the spirit of laziness drops in one can make one become so poor and wretched though he/she goes to church

Proverbs 12:24 The hand of the diligent will rule, But the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

When a person is physically lazy irrespective of how high his Spiritual status is, such person will find it hard to eat and be the head wherever he gets to because in the world we are now, if you are lazy and can't get little change into your pocket, your view and

advice won't be recognized in the midst of those who have work and money. It's this same laziness that will make a man not to help his wife in the kitchen or at home, such man will expect the woman to work and work and work and work during the day, and at night he will expect to have fun with her, this shows that such man has no pity for his wife, he is so lazy to assist her and this makes such women break down or look older than the men within a short period of time. It's also this same physical laziness that will make a female/wife not wash the dirty clothes of hers and keep piling up the clothes she wore when she was on her period for weeks, postponing when she would wash them.

It's not a laughing matter at all, this physical laziness has made a lot go for weeks without bathing yet they sweat everyday, instead of them to have their bath, just to enter the bathroom and pour water on themselves is a big deal and they stink for days in their rooms and in the neighborhood. The spirit of laziness is so strategic that it won't make the person feel as if he/she is lazy because it also join hands with the spirit of procrastination so that they can both work in the person's life and the more the person keeps procrastinating, the more the person thinks he is not under the influence of the spirit of laziness whereas he/she is.

This physical laziness makes a person go late to work Everytime putting up flimsy excuses till he/she is sacked, a lot of Christians feel too lazy to cook most times, they go to different eateries to eat without being careful and they end up eating food which are not truly food physically. This is a very serious matter. This spirit of physical laziness also makes a student so lazy to prepare well for exams, he begins to look for short way to success. Physical laziness is what will make an unbeliever who doesn't know the way to any church be richer than a Christian who does vigil in the church everyday, that is the power of the spirit of laziness, it works in a man and makes sure he destroys the man's career and ambitions if he is not careful and watchful enough. There's this particular day I had to go to the bank in the morning and while returning back home, I saw a shortcut which I could pass and get home straight instead of turning round before reaching home but the road which passes through the shortcut to my home was very bad due to the heavy rainfall but I decided to pass there because I was lazy to pass the good normal route, as I was passing the shortcut ,I was a bit careful to avoid falling into the pool of dirty water but alas, my feet slipped and I fell into a muddy soil, I didn't only get stained, I was also injured that I could barely walk well for a week, all this was caused by laziness, if I had passed the normal way, I wouldn't have been injured, I learnt my lesson that day.

This is what the spirit of physical laziness can cause and even more.

2. **Spiritual Laziness:** This is the act of being lazy Spiritually and losing zeal for Spiritual things. This is where the devil is really interested in believers, he tends to send the spirit into their lives to make them Spiritually lazy because he knows what gives them power and he looks for ways to stop them from continuing in it. A lot of Christians have stunted growth Spiritually because of this Spiritual laziness, they are not constant in

studying the Bible, in praying, in fasting and this is what the devil wants to achieve. why would you think that the day Christians are supposed to be in church is the day they will wake up feeling so tired and not willing to go? It is because the devil wants to destroy their Spiritual lives completely. It is Spiritual laziness that will make a Christian sleep for good 8-9 hours at night and not even wake up to pray for 10 minutes and this keeps happening for a whole week, it's Spiritual laziness.

A quite number of Christians doze off during their quiet time but won't doze off when they are chatting with their mobile phones, this is caused by Spiritual laziness. The spirit of laziness really allows decrease in Spiritual growth drastically as a lot of Christians get drained Spiritually due to insensitivity. Spiritual laziness is what will make a Christian oppressed and threatened by the kingdom of darkness and such person gets scared unable to do anything. This spirit of Spiritual laziness can make someone who is doing pretty well Spiritually lose his/her spirituality, even the kingdom of darkness is not Spiritually lazy because they are always holding meetings on how to keep tackling and attacking Christians but we keep being Spiritually lazy that we find it hard to stand against them, it's as a result of the spirit behind it. We have seen the damages this spirit can cause in one both physically and Spiritually, now let's look at how to overcome this spirit of laziness before it overcomes one.

How to overcome the spirit of laziness

1. **Determination:** It takes one who is determined to break free from such spirit, anybody who lacks determination will find it hard to be free totally, if one wants to progress in life, such person must be determined.

2. **By not procrastinating:** Procrastination is also a sign of laziness, therefore when a person procrastinates, he is being lazy, it's just that he is pushing when he is to do the work he won't do forward. Procrastination will only make one not do what he is supposed to do at the right time which portrays laziness both Spiritually and physically.

3. **By being sensitive:** It takes a sensitive person to realize that it's the devil that is actually planting laziness in him, though the person can be lazy by himself too but when a person is sensitive, he will know when to resist the spirit of laziness in him at every point in time.

4. **By being prayerful:** Laziness is a spirit which can also be spoken against just the way we also address it physically. Prayer can help deal with the spirit but when prayer is introduced only without physical actions, it's not effective in this kind of situation, therefore with these, we will sure overcome this spirit which is deadly.

We have come to the end of tonight's teaching, thanks so much for your time, if you have any question, you can ask and if there is none, have a wonderful night rest ahead brethren.

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