

# Pleasant Valley Weekly

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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## Removing Obstacles

We all have obstacles in our lives, some we have control over and others we don't. The key is learning how to live with, deal with, go around, or simply remove them from the way.

Obstacles are defined as hindrances in our life and play a huge role in our dedication to God, the church, and even our own families. Each Christian needs to learn how to recognize them, how they affect us, and how to remove them.

Today we look at the obstacle of Idleness. Idleness is more dangerous than it initially seems. To be Idle means to be lazy. If you do a quick concordance look-up of the word 'lazy' you will notice that there's nothing good said about being lazy.

How many of us know someone who is lazy? Someone who just has no desire or will to do what they need to or what is required of them. But the real question is, how do you feel about their laziness? Imagine that but with God towards us.

To be Idle means to shun the work you are supposed to be doing. How many of us have become Idle? God calls us to work, He calls us to do something. Everyone of us has something to do. What do you think will be our reward if we shun the work He has called us to do? Idleness is not something we can overlook.

## Removing Obstacles

### \* Removing obstacles

The Goal: Taking away things which stand in the way and hinder our progress of serving God.

### \* Idleness

Idle—shunning the labor one ought to perform

Lazy—disinclined to action

Slothful—inactive

### \* The field of the lazy man is overgrown and covered

See it, Consider it, Look upon it, Receive Instruction

### \* Matthew 20 : 1—7

#### GO WORK

There is work to do. Don't fall asleep, do some thing.

### \* Matthew 25 : 24—27, 30

Laziness is Wickedness

To be lazy leads to being worse than an unbeliever.

### \* Do not grow weak

Work your faith, not just use it.

### \* Search and Repair