

What Road is Paved With Good Intentions?

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Procrastination or negligence is a common sin because it is so easy. It takes no effort. It is the sin of "nothingness." It is the sin of the one-talent man of Matthew 25. He did not do any great acts of immorality. His sin was that he did nothing! The gospel preacher, Jesse Sewell, once wrote, "Neglect is a canker; it destroys homes and bridges; ruins farms and health; breaks up families and eats away love; neglect brings on bankruptcy and damns man's soul."

It may come as a surprise to many people to realize that Jesus taught in Matthew 7:13, 14 that the majority of the human race are marching toward eternal destruction. Why is this case? Surely people do not desire to be lost. Isn't it true that most people really plan to start "tomorrow" to serve the Lord? Aren't most folks determined to start serving God before they die? Don't most people have honorable intentions? But we must remember the old saying, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." Many people with good intentions become "too busy" making money to take time to serve the Lord. Others are so wrapped up in having a "good time" they forget God exist. Then there are those lazy-minded who don't take the time to investigate the Lord's will. All of these are allowing neglect and procrastination to carry them to eternal disaster.

The apostle asked, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3). We must realize no escape exist for those who procrastinate and neglect making proper preparations for the hereafter. Is the object that stands between you and your obedience to the Lord procrastination? Is it pure negligence? Why not resolved today to become a Christian and diligently fight for the cause of Christ? The Bible says, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). Today is the day of salvation, not tomorrow, not next week, nor next year!