

LEAVING THINGS UNDONE

LUKE 11:42

42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

LUKE 11:43

43 Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.

LUKE 11:44

44 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.

JAMES 4:17

17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

A sin of omission is a sin that is the result of not doing something God's Word teaches that we should do. It is generally used in contrast with the corresponding phrase "the sin of commission," or sins that a person actively commits.

It is sin; because it is neglect of known duty. Knowledge of duty increases obligation to perform it; and the neglect of known duty is sin.

One Commentary describes it as the sin of "knowledge without practice"

JAMES 1:2

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

JAMES 1:3

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

JAMES 1:4

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

JAMES 1:19

19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

The ancient philosophers have taken notice, that men have two ears, and but one tongue; that they should hear more than they speak: as also that the ears are continually open,

ever ready to receive instruction; while the tongue is surrounded by a double row of teeth, to hedge it in, and keep it within proper bounds.

JAMES 1:22

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

JAMES 1:23

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his *NATURAL face in a glass:

NATURAL: genesis {ghen'-es-is}

Generation, source, origin; a book of one's lineage, i.e. in which his ancestry or progeny are enumerated

EXODUS 38:8

8 And he made the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the lookingglasses of the women assembling, which assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

II CORINTHIANS 3:18

18 But we all, with open face *BEHOLDING as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are *CHANGED into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

BEHOLDING: katoptrizomai {kat-op-trid'-zom-ahee}
behold as a glass, to show in a mirror, to make to reflect , to mirror, to look at one's self in a mirror, to behold one's self in a mirror.

CHANGED: metamorphoo {met-am-or-fo'-o}
Transfigure, transform, to change into another form, to transform, to transfigure, i.e. Christ appearance was changed and was resplendent with divine brightness on the mount of transfiguration Mt. 17:2

JAMES 1:24

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

JAMES 1:25

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

"Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty." We have here a different word from that which expresses the beholding in the former instance. It signifies to stoop down and come close to an object so as to see it clearly and fully.

It points to a near, minute, searching inspection. And, in this ease, it is not a temporary exercise. The eyes are not soon averted and directed to other objects.

The idea here is that of a close and attentive observation. The Word which we translate looketh into, is very emphatic, and signifies that deep and attentive consideration given to a thing or subject which a man cannot bring up to his eyes,

and therefore must bend his back and neck, stooping down, that he may see it to the greater advantage.

JAMES 1:25

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Continueth still looking into the perfect law, meditating on its requirements, seeking to understand their nature and feel their power. He is arrested, and cannot turn his steps or his eyes towards other objects.

This is characteristic of every one truly subdued by the inspired Word. He continues and the effect appears.

JAMES 1:25

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

JAMES 1:26

26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

JAMES 1:27

27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Pure religion and undefiled,... That which is sincere and genuine, and free from adulteration and hypocrisy:

JAMES 2:1

1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

JAMES 2:2

2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;