

WHEN GOOD MEN DO NOTHING

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There is only one reason why evil prevails in a world, where good people outnumber the bad by huge differentials. Surprisingly, it has nothing to do with the numbers; when the good won't stand up and fight for what they know is right, then evil prevails. Thus, it stands to reason that if good men do nothing, then evil will prevail more and more.

The Lord not only expects his people to do good, he commands them to be enthusiastic about it as well.

TIT 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. God doesn't want us to be spectators, he wants us to be participants.

Doing nothing is actually a sin and finds no favour in the sight of God. The parable of the talents reveals this truth.

MAT 25:18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. This man for reasons of his own thinking, decided the safest thing to do was to bury his talent... he did nothing with it.

& 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant... Jesus was not all that diplomatic when he summarised this man's actions. He never stole the money, nor did he commit sins as such... the evil he did was in doing nothing.

John the Baptist also had an insight into this principle.

MAT 3:10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Jesus expects all his people to produce fruit... a tree without fruit is considered useless and to be removed.

God does not ask us to avoid evil... he commands us to fight it!

EPH 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. There is no middle ground in the fight against evil, no sitting on the fence. Jesus also warned that those who were not for him, were against him.

When good men do nothing they are no longer good!

JAM 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. It is a mistake to believe that good is the absence of evil... doing good is actually fighting against evil. Peter was well aware of this principle as well. **1PET 3:10** For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

11 Let him eschew (turn away from) evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. We can all do a bit more in the battle against evil.

We can all pray and ask the Lord to empower us to serve him more.

JAM 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not (God will not be critical); and it shall be given him. God does not get angry if you ask for help... no matter how many times you need to ask. No matter what level of capacity you are at, no matter how unskilled or weak you are, we are all capable of making our stand against evil.

The Lord is coming back soon... no one who learns to do good will ever regret it.