

**Ecclesiastes 4:5 (NLT2)**

***“Fools fold their idle hands, leading them to ruin.”***

*“Some people spend so much time trying to do nothing wrong, that they don’t do anything at all.”*

Yes, we are called to live more and more like Jesus every day. But some take that as to living a perfect sinless life.

† **1 John 4:17 (NLT2)** *And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.*

And we should all be striving to live a sinless life, but as much as we try, we can’t do it. If we could, then Jesus would not have had to go to the cross and die for us. Yet God knew this, and that’s why Jesus came to this earth to die for us all.

† **Romans 5:8** *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Yet some people’s lives are so consumed with not sinning, that they end up doing nothing at all for the Kingdom of God, because they think that they are too much of a sinner to be used by God; Therefore, they sit around idle, not ministering to others and doing for others or bringing glory to God with their lives.

† **2 Thessalonians 3:6 (NLT2)** *And now, dear brothers and sisters, we give you this command in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Stay away from all believers who live idle lives and don’t follow the tradition they received from us.*

Then there are those who spend so much time trying to correct everyone else’s lives, that they sit idle, and even trying to clean up their own life.

† **2 Thessalonians 3:11 (NLT2)** *Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people’s business.*

When you are idle, and doing nothing for the kingdom of God, you are committing the sin of omission, which is knowing what to do but not doing it.

You know you should share the gospel, but you don’t - The sin of omission.

You know you should help those in need, but you don’t – The sin of omission.

You know you should pray for others but you don’t – The sin of omission.

You know you should love others, and as a man be the spiritual leader in the home, but you don't – The sin of omission.

We can go on and on. And if you have read the bible or been to church more than once, then you know the things that the bible tells us that we should be doing. The pastor also teaches from the pulpit what we should be doing. But if you refuse to, then you are an idle Christian, and as today's verse says about such people that, "***Fools fold their idle hands, leading them to ruin.***"

Now some may say the sin of omission is not stated in the bible, and you are right, in fact the word "omission" is not in the bible, but that doesn't mean it doesn't teach it. I think James covers it the best when he said, "***Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.***" **James 4:17**

So, yes, confess your sins to the Lord. And now that you know it, confess your sin of omission to the Lord as well. Then go out and no longer commit the sin of omission, but do what the Lord has called you to do, in this the Father will be glorified.

† **John 14:13** *And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

† **John 15:8** *By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*