

**Proverbs 18:9** *He who is slothful in his work*

*Is a brother to him who is a great destroyer.*

## **Are You An Unwitting Spiritual Terrorist?**

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David Maas, reflecting on Proverbs 18:9, asserts that when we do God's work or our own work with slackness and lethargy, we are every bit as culpable of spiritual terrorism as if we had strapped a bomb under our coats, blowing ourselves to smithereens in the middle of a crowded mall. Who needs bombs and explosives when the same effect can be accomplished by doing absolutely nothing? The sins of omission are just as deadly as the sins of commission, with the cowardly and the violent executed together in the lake of fire. A perennial theme throughout the wisdom literature of the Bible is the deleterious effects of neglect or passivity involving the sluggard as both the perpetrator and recipient of ruin and waste. When we couple spiritual lethargy to the insidious doctrines of eternal security and once saved always saved, we sabotage or jeopardize our eternal lives.

Could you picture yourself as a terrorist?

**Proverbs 18:9** – A slacker is a brother to a destroyer.

**Proverbs 10:4**- Idle hands lead to poverty.

Sins of Commission and Sins of Omission

**Revelation 21:8** Sins of Omission are capital sins.

**Luke 9:61-62** –Spiritual timidity condemned.

**Proverbs 24: 30-34**- Neglect produced devastating destruction.

**Deleterious Effects of Neglect and Passivity**

**Proverbs 15:19**- Lazy man's way like hedge of thorns.

**Proverbs 12:27**- Lazy person's refusal to follow through causes ruin.

**Ecclesiastes 10:8**- Refusal to repair causes devastating ruin.

Example of Interstate 35W Bridge in Minneapolis/St.Paul

1920 Jones Act and paralysis of BP Oil Clean-up.

“The Gift of the Leper” article

Loyd Fueston article on Alzheimer Disease.

Nuns at St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota

Example of my 92 year-old father.

**Luke 10: 30-37** - Sins of omission again.

**Matthew 25:14-30** Parable of the Talents -

**Matthew 25:1-13** Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

**Matthew 22:2-14**- Parable of the Wedding Feast

**Sleeper Cells analogy**

**Daniel Byman “Passive Sponsorship of Terrorism**

**Aid to Al Quaida**

**Aid to Irish Republican Army.**

**Antinomian Sleeper Cells in the Greater Church of God.**

**Revelation 3:15-19 Laodicean Attitude**

**Walker C. Smith *Sabotage***

**Once Saved Always Saved Heresy**

**Matthew 5:19 Antinomian heresy challenged.**

**Quality Enhancement Projects**

**Ralph Waldo Emerson *Harvard Divinity Address***

**Norman Thomas on incremental socialism**

**Ezra Taft Benson’s conversation with Nikita Krushchev**

**The Aftermath of Progressivist policies**

**Hebrews 2:1-4 Spiritually Drifting**

**Revelation 3:14-19 Piecemeal passive compromise**