

The Vice: SLOTHFULNESS

- Sloth is being a SPECTATOR forever.
- Sloth is more than idleness; it is the sin of DISCONNECTING.

Sloth Defined

It is a SLOWNESS that has an aversion to hard things. It is taking the easy way out & being SATISFIED with the trivial.

Quotes on Slothfulness

- Hatred of all spiritual things that entail effort. - Henry Fairlie
- It runs fretfully away from everything that is hard...the more spiritual a thing is, the more frustrating they find it. - St John of the Cross
- One of the greatest foes of the Christian is religious complacency. The man who believes he has arrived will not go any further; from his standpoint it would be foolish to do so...The present neat habit of quoting a text to prove we have arrived may be a dangerous one if in truth we have not actual inward experience of the text. Truth that is not experience is not better than error & may be as fully dangerous. - A.W. Tozer

The Means of Grace, the Bridge, from Slothfulness to Diligence

The means of grace is COURAGE.

Courage is STURDINESS of the soul; a willingness to run the race marked out for you, with perseverance. Hebrews 12:1, 7

Expectation Change

Wrong

Life is about EASE or FUN.

Right

Life is about PURSUIT of God & His AGENDA.

The Practice of Courage

1. Choose biblical HEROES
2. Throw off DISTRACTING entanglements
3. Pay attention to the LITTLE that controls
4. Take a SABBATH rest

The Virtue: DILIGENCE

Definition - STEADY, earnest, & ENERGETIC effort

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, June 25-Thursday, June 27 - **OFFICES CLOSED** for District Conference
- Thursday, July 4-Friday, July 5 - **OFFICES CLOSED** for 4th of July holiday
- Remember will only have **TWO SERVICES** on Sunday, July 7.
Service times will be 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

FRUIT FUNDRAISER

If you would like to order from our fruit fundraiser, the money raised goes to support Oasis (GracePoint's college/young adult ministry). For more information regarding the varieties of fruit & the cost please see today's insert. Feel free to spread the word! The first deadline to order is TOMORROW, June 24.

BLOCK PARTIES!

Each summer, GracePointers host block parties all over the Brookings area, for neighbors to connect & build community. Last year, we had 10 parties from June-August. We want to hit 15 this year! Our block party "starter kit" includes a trailer full of inflatables & lawn games, a readymade packet of flyers & suggestions, a planning checklist, & more—including a \$100 gift card for you to purchase food, supplies, or activities. Stop by the "Give Grace" kiosk to sign out a planning packet, or email communitylife@gracepointwesleyan.org for more info!