

## 7. The Sin of Idleness – Amos 6:1-14

### I. So You Think You're Better? – vs. 1-6

#### A. Presumptuous (vs. 1-2)

##### 1. Being at Ease

- a. Not at Rest – Matt 11:28-29; Heb 4:9-11; Rev 14:13
- b. Not Contentment – Phil 4:11; 1 Tim 6:6, 8; Heb 13:5
- c. Not Peace – Rom 8:6; 14:17, 19; Gal 5:22-23
- d. Indifference, Complacency, Apathy

##### 2. Believing You're Exempt from Judgment – too big, important, strong?

- a. What We Believe – Jerusalem (Zion) center of theology/worship
- b. Where We Are – Samaria – military stronghold
- c. What We Do – Good Works

#### B. Procrastinators (vs. 3)

##### 1. Endangering Yourself – Luke 12:18-20

##### 2. Excusing Your Sin – Acts 24:25

#### C. Pompous – (vs. 4-6) – living like royalty with idle time on your hands, improvising worship

##### 1. Excess – eat, drink, be merry

##### 2. Empty Praise – improvising worship

- a. Praise without Passion – Indifference
- b. Invocation without Imagination – Idleness, just passing the time
- c. Zeal without Knowledge – Ignorance of God and His Word

##### 3. Extravagance – no moderation or restraint, no boundaries (Mark 8:36)

- a. Wine, not in cups, but in storage basins
- b. Oil used to clean and disinfect the body and treat wounds
- c. Extravagant Care for the Body to the Neglect of the Soul

### II. So You Want to Be First? – vs. 7-10

#### A. Pride (vs. 7-8) – Prov. 6:16-19

1. Pride makes you Insensitive to the needs of others
2. Pride makes you Irresponsible, avoiding work and sacrifice
3. Pride makes you Ignorant of Danger as you Ignore God's Word

#### B. Prejudice (vs. 9-10) (harm that results from judgment) – Amos 5:3; Deut. 28:66-67

### III. So You Think You're Strong? – vs. 11-14

#### A. Precarious Position (vs. 11)

#### B. Preposterous Pronouncements (vs. 12-13)

#### C. Profound Punishment (vs. 14) – relaxing in relative strength and peace – a whimpering end to a great but boastful nation within 30 years – total defeat by the Assyrians

### IV. So What Can You Do to Avoid Idleness? (Idle hands do the devils work.)

#### A. Wake Up! – Realize that Sin brings Consequences

#### B. Wise Up! – Repent, walk in Righteousness

#### C. Work Out! – Discipline and Discipleship

1. Follow Good Examples – Phil 3:17; 1 Tim 4:12
2. Fellowship in the Gospel – 2 Cor 8:3-5; 1 John 1:7
3. Feed the Hungry – teach, use your gifts – Eph 4:11-16

#### D. What Matters Most to You? Luke 9:23-25; Matt 6:19-24