

The Danger of Doing Nothing (Numbers 32)

Introduction: *One of the worst things that can happen in the Christian life is nothing.*

1. The Temptation of nothing (v. 1-5)

Was there anything wrong with what they were asking for? If it's "all about" them, if it's all about the tribes of Reuben and Gad, their request is just fine. But what about the other tribes?

2. They're thinking only of themselves, not others (v. 6-15)

How many people are living lives that are basically self-consumed and self-centered, while they're saying, "Thank you Lord? Thank you for what you've given me."

So, here we are in the place of comfort and prosperity and blessing, and we've received the promise of eternal life. Seems like there's nothing else to do, right? From our perspective, we've already received everything we need—comfort now, life forevermore.

3. They're thinking only of themselves, not the Lord (v. 20-27)

What about God's purposes in the world?

Conclusion

Consider Christ (Phil 2:5-8, 2Cor 8:9). We are called, not to live for our own comfort, but to live for the joy that is set before us. May God give us grace to live, not comfortable settlers, but zealous warriors.