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*"But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called 'today'" Hebrews 3:13*

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**Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep, and an idle person will suffer hunger.**  
Proverbs 12:27

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## Complacency

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Self-satisfaction sounds like a good thing. It feels good and when we are at a place in our life where we feel self-satisfied we don't want to do anything different. We don't want to mess up the comfortable feeling we worked for. Except this comfortable feeling *needs* to be messed up.

If we are comfortable where we're at, we aren't doing what the Lord has asked of us. We are, in a way, saying we do not need God because we know what's right and we don't need to grow anymore. But we do not know what is right and we *do* need to grow in our faith. Feeling self-satisfied in our faith is the wrong mindset to have.

There is always more to learn from Christ and we should desire that knowledge. Complacency is a bad thing because we do not accomplish our goals and we don't grow. It means we have given up. I think it is important to determine why this is a bad thing compared to being content.

Being content with what we have in life and our physical situation is different than being complacent. We should be content with our physical lives but not with our faith. We have to want to grow always in our faith and right now it seems hard to do that. I came back from Florida College thinking I would for sure continue to read my Bible everyday and show friends and coworkers the hope I have but then complacency and lukewarmness crept in. I thought I was doing enough by just being a good person. And that's where the comfort came in. We convince ourselves what we

are doing is enough only because that is all we want to be doing.

When I'm with friends it is hard to be the person that brings up spiritual conversation when no one else seems to want to talk about it. It is hard to ask people at work about their spiritual life. It is comfortable for me to just stay quiet and talk about what everyone else is talking about. That is complacency and that is not the mindset that will get anyone to heaven.

We are called to be fishers of men and if we are complacent, we're not catching anything. This might be hard to do during the Covid crisis, but carving out time to just know more about our Lord is important to the spread of the gospel. We have to know it to talk about it and talking to family members and reading the word will help us bring people to Christ later on.

I read a quote that has stuck with me and it says "Complacency disguises itself as comfort and contentment, it leads good men to weakness and weak men to death." Complacency is never good and we have to find where in our life it has crept in so we can grow instead. Peter said, "...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."

*II Peter 3:18*

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