

**Satanic  
Temptations of  
Spiritual Idleness,  
to Gossip, and  
Being a Busybody**

*Scripture  
Reading:*

**II Thessalonians  
3:6-12**


**The final 3 Satanic lusts are found in I Timothy 5:13**

- Spiritual idleness
- Gossip
- Being a busybody

**Verse 12 explains Satan's methodology for these attacks, which is to "set aside the priority of the use of faith" as a Christian**

**Review**

1 Timothy 5:13 reveals 3 lusts that Satan uses to sidetrack the Christian from the correct use of faith, which is to demonstrate encouragement to other in the Body of Christ by one's walk and growth in faith.



Misdirecting the first priority of faith (energized by love), gives Satan an opportunity to reproach (defame) the name of Christ.

## **INTRODUCTION**

# The Satanic Attack of Spiritual Idleness

- Always used negatively in Scripture
- The full experiential knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (II Pet 1:5-7) will prevent spiritual idleness in the Christian's daily life (II Pet 1:8)
  - Meaning of the word 'idle' = without work, inactive, unproductive
  - Verb (1x) - II Pet 2:1-3, cf. II Pet 3:3-9
  - Noun (8x) - illustrated Matt 20:3,6
    - The vineyard = Israel
    - The field = the world (cf. Matt 13:38)
- “An idle mind is the Devil's workshop”

# The Satanic Attack to Gossip

- Meaning of the word = to babble, talk nonsense (2x in NT)
- Cf III John 9-10 “Diotrophes...prating against (talking nonsense) with evil words”
- I Tim 5:13 babbling unnecessary, privileged, or confidential information to shock or sensationalize the listener.
- Measure information BEFORE passing it on to others

# The Satanic Attack to be a Busybody

- **Meaning of the word** = literally, to work around; inquisitive, meddling, prying (into other's affairs) (3x in NT)
- **I Tim 5:13** - “Besides, they get into the habit of being idle and going about from house to house. And not only do they become idlers, but also busybodies who talk nonsense, saying things they ought not to”
- **II Thess 3:7-12** - “We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies”

# CONCLUSION

- **The vaccination for these 3 Satanic lusts are:**
  - Eph 2:10 - walk in God's pre-planned works
  - Eph 4:15 - speak truth in love
  - II Thess 3:12 - work with quietness
- **The treatment for all Satanic lusts is "THE ARMOR OF GOD"**
  - Eph 6:10-18