

The SIN of Passivity

Rom 12:21 - Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

James 4:17 "whoever knows the right thing to do, yet fails to do it, is guilty of sin"

James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth (waffles) is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. ⁷For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. ⁸A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Revelation 3:15-16 “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot.

Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

Revelation 21:8 But as for **the cowardly**, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

Rev 2:20 – **tolerate** - But I have this against you: You let that woman Jezebel do what she wants. She says that she is a prophet, but she is leading my people away with her teaching.

- Avoiding confrontation or conflict. Failing to set boundaries. Not speaking up for yourself. Not asserting yourself. Putting the needs of others first at your own demise. Never having an opinion or taking a risk. Having difficulty making decisions. Feeling powerless or helpless in some situations. Submission is not passivity, It is willfully and cooperatively (without gossip) surrendering your will, opinion, or preference to one in authority after having expressed your view.

Obedience and submission are Christian virtues, Passivity is not.

We always submit to God first. Any delegated authority, under God only receives qualified obedience. If an evil leader (who compels us to sin) or false religion exercises dominion over us, we must pursue obedience to God not men.

The priest Elis sons, The priest Aarons sons (Eli and Aaron)

Eli's sons (Hophni and Phinehas) and Aaron's sons (Nadab and Abihu)

Ahab – Jezabel

Aaron – the people wanted...

Elijah – either God or Baal but people said nothing

Adam was passive about Eve and the fruit

Samson was passive with Delilah

David was passive when Amnon took his sister

What you tolerate...you SANCTION !

A passive person (in camouflage) appears to be diplomatic when in reality they are afraid. Hoping that not choosing one side or the other will make it go away.

Passive – to accept or allow things to happen without active response or resistance, often letting others control decisions and failing to assert your own needs, feelings, or opinions.

the subject of a sentence receives the action rather than performing it, being subjugated by opposition who takes dominion.