

THE BOOK OF AMOS

AMOS - WHEN COMPLACENCY IS KILLING ME



IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW GOD'S TAKE ON COMPLACENCY

1. God is moved to _____ the complacent.

...I will search Jerusalem and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill." **Zephaniah 1:12** (ESV)

2. God is moved to _____ the complacent.

I know...that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot! but since you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I intend to spit you out of my mouth! ¹⁹All those whom I love I correct and discipline. Therefore, shake off your complacency and repent. **Revelation 3:16, 19-20** (Phillips)

3. God is moved to predict _____ for the complacent.

How terrible it will be for ¹⁴Woe to those who have an easy life [are complacent/at ease] in Jerusalem.... **Amos 6:1** (EXB)

I will see all of My people who do wrong, who say, "Nothing bad will ever happen to us. I will see them all fall to the sword." **Amos 9:10** (VOICE)

- Complacent - confronted - cut to the _____ or cut _____.

The lion has roared--so who isn't frightened? The Sovereign LORD has spoken--so who can refuse to proclaim His message? **Amos 3:8** (NLT)

THE PERSONAL COMPLACENCY TEST - I MIGHT BE COMPLACENT IF...

1. I'm more concerned about the _____ sins than _____ sin? **Amos 1-2:4**

... you may be saying, "what terrible people you have been talking about!" But wait! You are just as bad. When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are talking about yourselves, for you do these very same things. **Romans 2:1** (TLB)

2. I feel _____ by those who confront me rather than _____.

I brought you up out of of Egypt and led you safely through 40 years of wilderness wandering to take possession of the land of the Amorites. ¹¹I took some of your children and raised them up as prophets, and I called some of your youth to be Nazirites, set aside to My service. Isn't this true, people of Israel? So says the Eternal. ¹²But you made the Nazirites break their vows and drink wine. You told the prophets, "Don't you dare prophesy!" ¹³I will press you down beneath your enemies... **Amos 2:10-13** (VOICE)

3. I _____ God's blessings but am oblivious to my increased _____?

"Of all the nations on earth, you are the one I have known and cared for. That is what makes your sins so terrible, and that is why I must punish you...." **Amos 3:2** (GNB)

- _____ from God + _____ from God = _____ to God!

If you are given much, much will be required of you. If much is entrusted to you, much will be expected of you. **Luke 12:48** (VOICE)

4. I believe God _____ my tithe while _____?

Listen to the LORD's message, you women who live on the hill of Samaria. You treat poor people badly. You crush those who are in need. You say to your husbands, "Bring us some drinks!" But you are already as fat as the cows in Bashan. **Amos 4:1** (NIRV)

If a person owns the things we need to make it in the world but refuses to share with those in need, is it even possible that God's love lives in him? **1 John 3:17** (VOICE)

5. I have _____ from God, but it made little _____.

"I hit you with earthquake and fire, left you devastated like Sodom and Gomorrah. You were like a burning stick snatched from the flames. But you never looked my way. You continued to ignore me." **Amos 4:11** (MP)

6. I anticipate the _____ of the lord" but am not aligned with the _____ of the Lord"?

You say, 'If only the Day of the Lord were here, for then God would deliver us....' But you have no idea what you ask. For that day will not be light and prosperity, but darkness and doom! How... for you; not a ray of joy or hope.... **Amos 5:18-23** (TLB)

I want to see a mighty flood of justice, an endless river of righteous living. **Amos 5:24** (NLT)

7. I am _____ of my accomplishments but not _____ about God?

Oh, look at the people enjoying life in Zion, and those on Mount Samaria who feel so safe... ³You people are rushing toward the day of punishment. ⁴Now you lie on ivory beds and stretch out on your couches. You eat tender young lambs...and young calves.... ⁶You drink wine in fancy cups. You use the best perfumes. And it doesn't even bother you that Joseph's family is being destroyed. ⁷....your good times will end... ⁸The Lord GOD used his own name and made an oath. The LORD God All-Powerful said, "I hate what Jacob is proud of. I hate his strong towers. So I will let an enemy take the city and everything in it." **Amos 6:1, 3, 6-8** (ERV)

...I will say to myself, Lucky man! ²⁰But God said to him, You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life... " ²¹And Jesus concluded, "This is how it is with all those who pile up riches for themselves but are not rich in God's sight." **Luke 12:19-21** (GNB)

8. I listen to the message based on _____ is speaking not _____ is said?

Amos answered Amaziah, "I am not a professional prophet, and I am not from a prophet's family. I raise cattle and take care of sycamore trees. ¹⁵...the LORD took me from following the sheep. The LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' ¹⁶So listen to the LORD'S message. You tell me, 'Don't prophesy against Israel. Don't speak against Isaac's family.' ¹⁷But the LORD says, 'Your wife will become a prostitute.... Your sons and daughters will be killed with swords. **Amos 7:14-17** (ERV)

GOD said to me, "What do you see, Amos?" I said, "A plumb line." Then my Master said, "Look what I've done. I've hung a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel. I've spared them for the last time! **Amos 7:8** (MP)

THE HOPE OF THE COMPLACENT IS FOUND IN THE MESSIAH

The time will come when I will rebuild David's fallen tent. I will repair its broken places. I will rebuild what was destroyed. I will make it what it used to be. ¹³"A new day is coming," announces the LORD. **Amos 9:11, 13** (NIRV)