

Love Killers—2

This Is Killing Your Marriage

Nothing you neglect gets better.

Most relationships don't die from conflict; they die from neglect.

I went past the field of a sluggard, past the vineyard of someone who has no sense; ³¹thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. ³²I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw: ³³A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—³⁴and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man. Proverbs 24:30-34 NIV

- **Field: what you need today**
- **Vineyard: what you're building for tomorrow**

Neglect feels slow, but the consequences feel sudden.

Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom. Song of Songs 2:15 NIV

Neglect isn't just doing nothing. Sometimes it's doing the wrong thing really well.

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You don't drift because your marriage is weak.

You drift because you stopped doing what made it strong.

Neglect the rest of the world if you have to, but never neglect each other.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9 NIV

TALK IT OVER

Read **Proverbs 24:30-34**. What are some of the main reasons people neglect their relationships? What distractions might be most common?

What distractions are currently affecting your relationships? How could you overcome these distractions?

You don't drift because your relationships are weak. You drift because you stopped doing what made them strong. What steps will you take this week to invest in your relationships?

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