

# Idling Life Away Like an Idiot or a Madman

by J.C. Philpot

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*Spiritual rebirth is a new existence being communicated to the individual, giving them a new perspective on God and themselves.*

**Duration:** 3:17

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Topics:** "Spiritual Awakening", "Gods Holiness"

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## Description

This sermon delves into the profound spiritual awakening that occurs when one is reborn, where they come face to face with the stark contrasts of God and self, justice and guilt, power and helplessness, and the eternal truths of God's holiness and human sinfulness. It describes the transformative experience of realizing the existence of God for the first time, akin to awakening from a long slumber and recognizing the futility of a life spent in trivial pursuits and religious formalities without true understanding.

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## Transcript

Idling Life Away Like an Idiot or a Madman by J. C. Philpott When one is spiritually reborn, he sees at one and the same moment God and self, justice and guilt, power and helplessness, a holy law and a broken commandment, eternity and time, the purity of the Creator and the filthiness of the creature. And these things he sees not merely as declared in the Bible, but as revealed in himself as personal realities involving all his happiness or all his misery in time and in eternity. Thus it is with him as though a new existence has been communicated, as if for the first time he had found there was a God.

It is as though all his days he had been asleep and were now awakened, asleep upon the top of a mast with the raging waves beneath, as if all his past life were a dream and the dream were now at an end. He has been hunting butterflies, blowing soap bubbles, angling for minnows, picking daisies, building houses of cards, and idling life away like an idiot or a madman. He had been perhaps wrapped up in a religious profession, advanced even to the office of a deacon, or mounted in a pulpit.

He had learned to talk about Christ and election and grace and fill his mouth with the language of Zion. But what did he experimentally know of these things? Nothing, absolutely nothing. Ignorant of his own ignorance, of all kinds of ignorance, the worst, he thought himself rich and increased with goods, and to have need of nothing, and knew not that he was wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.

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