



Busy For God

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"

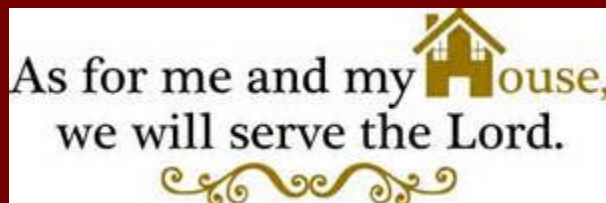


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Disclaimer:

- 1. To be busy in the right way with right priorities is a good thing.**
- 2. To be busy is better than being idle and allowing the Devil tempt you.**
- 3. To be busy in a way that takes you away from God is not a good thing.**
- 4. Major Distinction Between serving the house of the Lord and serving the Lord of the house.**



Life is Busy: (Busy like a Bee)



Statistics:

1. People sleep now 2.5 hrs. < 100 years ago
2. People work/week is the most now than ever.
3. Spend 8 month opening Junk Mail.
4. Avg person spend 5 years of his life waiting for people who are late to meetings
(if you are Egyptian, it is 10 years or you are the one causing the waiting)

Do you know the most popular sport in America?

Not football or basketball it is:

Nascar Racing (speed/Rush)



Life is Busy:

The sales of Frozen Juice is declining

Pre mix is more popular than the one you shake. Too busy to shake the juice.



Too many Choices/Too much activates in Life:

500 flavors of ice cream.

Over 9000 TV channels



2 sources for Being Busy:

1. Either I drive myself too hard.

Internal reasons

2. I am being Driven too hard.

External reasons

Work/studies/family/commitments/service
(they all can become addictive)

Addiction: using something to gain sensation. Workaholics



It gives a Sense of :
(acceptance/success/promotion/
satisfaction)

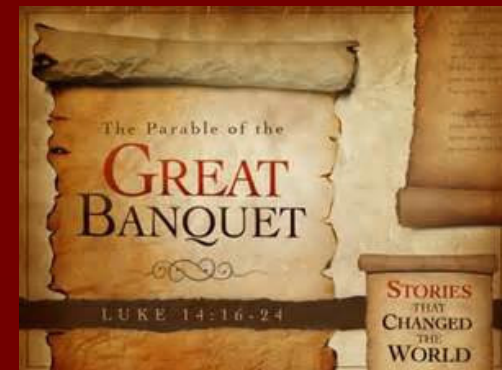
- The Parable of the Great Banquet:

- Luke 14:16-23 (parable????)

“A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

- ¹⁸ “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

- ¹⁹ “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’



- 20 “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’
- 21 “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’
- 22 “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’
- 23 “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. 24 **I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”**

Why the master was angry at the Guests and said:

“They will not taste my supper” .

■ Main reason:

- They were too busy for him.
- These are real reasons (Busy with life)



Busy: The most common excuse ever used for:

- a. Why did you not do Visitations?
- b. Why did you not attend the Servants mg?
- c. Why did you not attend the prayer mg?

From this parable we learn that:

**The Excuse of Busyness is NOT accepted
before God**

The Most Popular Example in the New Testament about busy

Luke: 10:38 -42

Story of Mary and Martha:
(Many defend Martha)

Why did the lord blame Martha?

What is Wrong????

- a. She was serving
- b. Who serves will be distracted
- c. If you have a guest, you will feed Him.

However; No Justification for
someone the Lord blames.



Explanation by John Chrysostom.
Martha was busy at the wrong time
The lord did not blame her for serving
She confused the time to be busy.
The liturgy is Time of worship,
Board is collecting donations,
women preparing food,
Servant in the Sunday School Class to
prepare lesson.

Do not be busy at the Wrong Time??
Time for prayer, Time to service



Effects of Busy at wrong Time:

1. Being too distracted.
2. Causes distraction to others.



3. If others do not help – Becomes a complainer
He may even complains against God like Martha did.
All this service and I do not get a reward.
Yes, if you are busy at the wrong time.

Is there an acceptable Excuse:



**Don't
Fall Into
the Martha
Syndrome!**

Is there an acceptable Excuse:

The Story in Leviticus Chapter 9/10 (?????)

How many children did Aaron has?

4

Anyone know their names

1. Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar

Anyone know the story?

- Nadab and Abihu offered a sacrifice with 'strange fire' before the LORD, disobeying his instructions, and were immediately consumed by God's fire.
- Moses instructed Aaron and his family not to mourn or attend the funeral (they are anointed) because he is now a priest and has to serve although the people at large were permitted



God's work is more important

Than even attending your son's funeral. No excuse???

The effect of hurried life Style:

1. Stress:

- a. An outside entity of my life. God did not introduce, but man introduced. (like a flu)

2. Lose my Joy:

- a. The faster you move, the less time you have to smell the roses.
- b. "My days are swifter than a runner;
they fly away without a glimpse of joy" (Job 9:25)

3. Less Productive: Need to recharge

- 1. "The plans of the diligent lead to profit
as surely as haste leads to poverty" (Proverbs 21:5)

4. Can Not Hear God:

"He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;"
(Psalm 46:10)

The solution is “SLOW” down:

SLOW

- S:** Stop the push for more
- L:** Learn to Say “NO”
- O:** Obey the 4th Commandment
(keep Holy the Sabbath Day)
- W:** Wait for God’s Timing



■ 1. Stop the Push for more:

- What is your ambition (work till 5, others work till 9)
- Taking 18 hr. credit hrs. instead of 12
- Ambition (not bad thing) but could be very destructive
- Ambition without boundaries could cause destruction. (family, society)
- Many over achievers are sometimes are insecure.
 - Insecure, trying to prove something
 - Taking a break or a vacation is only a band aid not a solution.
 - “Better one handful with tranquility than two handfuls with toil and chasing after the wind.”
Ecclesiastes 4:6

- **Stop the Push for more:**
- **Ask yourself is doing this extra thing will solve all my problems/will satisfy me**
 - The Comparisons: Will always cause discontent (Inner Drive)
 - Manager/Director/VP..Etc.....
 - Bigger Car, house,..etc...
- A heart at peace gives life to the body,
but envy rots the bones. (Proverbs 14:30)

■ 2. Learn to Say NO:

- Say No to the Drug of “Speed of Life”.
- The Adrenaline Rush
- Not Everything is very important.

It is a trap to dedicate something rashly and only later to consider one's vows. (proverbs 20:25)

1. Why did I say “yes”

Before committing, making a promise,

Take a second to make a decision. Pray about it.

2. Always easier to get into situation than get out.

a. ex: Trouble, debt, relationship, weight problems

■ Learn to Say NO:

- We sometimes think we have no limits.
- Ex: Kroger shopping

- Make your self a “Do Not Do list”.
- Practical Example: Slow yourself down for a day
- For one day, Leave your watch at home and live the day.
 1. Park in the farthest spot and walk.
 2. Stand in the long line and not the express line.



Look at Christ

**Was he busy, running, stressing
(no he was calm, took his time)**

3: Obey the 4th Commandment.

- (Keep the Sabbath Holy)



A day of rest: Sabbatical (extended period of rest).
People says, I never broke any commandment
expect this one.

What's the big deal (Sunday/Monday)

Day of rest???: Rest your spirit, body, emotion

We go to church to Worship, but then:

we use it to run errands, pay of bills, get together

- Must rest your body: Rest Physically
 - If you do not rest your body, your body will force it and shut itself down.
 - Ex: (The French Revolution Outlaw)
- Must Rest Spiritually: Refocus, Worship God as a family, and time of fellowship.
- Must rest your emotions:
 - Quiet, Solitude, Peace
 - Last time you were alone without TV, phone,
 - Reading a book in peace
 - Recreation/sport is good except if you are a very competitive person.

- **4. Wait for God's Timing.**
 - **We become impatient**
 - **I will push, push, to make it happen myself.**
 - **More and faster is not always better.**

Ex: Mushroom (overnight), Oak Tree (few years)

11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.
(Ecclesiastes 3:11)

Imagine if you know God's plan for you. (in 3 weeks you will meet your soul mate)

- **Wait for God's Timing.**

Do you know what a Pace Car?

Slow down (maintain the pace)

Let Jesus be your Pace Car? Let him set the pace for your life



- **3 advise:**

- **1. Set your priorities right**

- **2. Do not overextend**

- **Concentrate on 1 or 2 service and delegate**

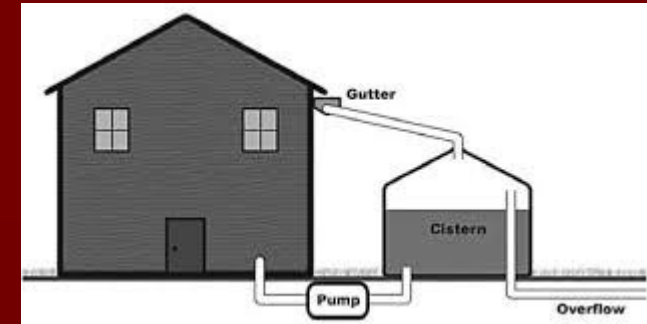
- **3. Time Management:**

- **Example of packing a suite case**



■ In Conclusion:

“My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water. (Jeremiah 2:13)



A matter of who we are and what satisfies us:

- God can satisfy us (living water) fountain, Fresh, active, Rejuvenating, beautiful.
- We make Cisterns (Vessels) you have to refill it, stagnant, no longer fresh