

## Too Busy Business By Spencer Shaw

Are you busy? What a question. Of course. If you only knew... "I'm too busy to take time during the week for church activities." "I work all week and I need my evenings and weekends to myself, not



God is "the Great, the Mighty God, whose name is the LORD of hosts." Jeremiah 32:17-19)

spent doing 'church things'." "I have a short attention span, so I can only sit through a twenty minute sermon." "My medications make it too hard for me to concentrate." "I can't see what's in it for me?"

These statements are some "reasons" we may hear as to why people cannot attend or participate in church activities. It's possible these statements indicate one of the biggest problems in the church today, and that is "a heart of apathy and indifference." We simply don't care any more about God. Any time there is a Bible study during the week, or a Saturday workshop, or a long sermon is preached, these "reasons" are a response from the heart. In our culture, we allow people to hide behind "busy" work schedules, school events, and things of like nature so they don't have to" fully devote themselves to the church for whom Christ died.

We say that we are "too busy," so we spend our time in other places and tack God onto the end of our schedule. We get to Him when we have time. We say we can't sit through a long sermon, but we are glad to sit through a long entertainment event. *Are we entertaining ourselves to death?* Must there be fun and games and a show to get people to make time in their schedule for activities with Christians? When did worship to God and hearing His Word proclaimed no longer be enough? Do we give God whatever time we have left over from jobs, sports, hobbies, and relaxation time? Do we believe God somehow desires our leftover time?

*"But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?" says the Lord. —Malachi 1:8*

If we were really devoted to God; if we were really trying to give Him our all; if we really took the concept of being a servant or a slave to the Almighty God seriously, then we wouldn't need ANY "reasons" for what we do. We wouldn't skip out on a Bible study or church activity because we were "too busy."

Many Christians have developed the mindset that it doesn't matter what we give God as long as we give Him **something**. Yet God said in Malachi, He doesn't want lame sacrifices. God wants out full devotion. God wants to be our priority number one. God wants Christians who don't need "fun and games" to assemble. They are willing to attend simply because they want to worship Him and hear His Word. Please consider this as well: God doesn't want Christians who feel like they "have to" serve. God wants Christians who are willingly devoted to make Him priority number one.

*"Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." —Matthew 22:37-40*

Should we get "busy" sharing what "Too Busy Business" is doing to the body of Christ? Is the commandment truly important to us? Is our neighbor "too busy" for God or are we?

**OFTEN "REASONS" ARE LIKE A COMFORTABLE BED—  
EASY TO GET INTO, BUT HARD TO GET OUT OF.**

**To all our visitors:** *Please feel free to participate!*

You should expect to hear singing with voices only, a few "family" announcements, prayers spoken, and see the Lord's Supper offered, then free-willed giving, and Gospel preaching from the Bible.

Any response is up to you and will be kindly received.

*We are glad you decided to worship God with us!*

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**Friday Bible Study:** 7 to 8 PM;

Special study about "Abiding" in the Word of the Lord...

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