

# “Are You too B.U.S.Y.?”

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**Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:33**

## **Introduction**

Blessings to all of you this morning and thank you so much for the invitation to participate in this Youth event. Before I begin with today's Message I would like to give a little background as to how this message came about. I know when you look at the title you probably think you know what this message is about, but I guarantee you there is far more to the title than meets the eye.

At the end of June (2011) I started accepting invitations to preach and before I knew it, for the Glory of God I had (3) preaching engagements booked for July (2011). I will admit that I immediately thought I would use a sermon that I had preached in another church so that it would be easier for me. I've been so busy lately that I didn't think I would have time to write a brand new one, especially within such a short period of time.

As I am accustomed to doing, I leave it in Gods' Hands to decide what He wants the Message to be; little did I realize what lay ahead. The last seven days of June I went into a Jesus fast (*only water*) simply because I felt distant from God and I needed to be closer to Him and understand what His Will was for the Sermon topic. On the first day of the fast the Lord gave me the down-load not only of one brand new sermon, but the three He needed me to preach the rest of this month.

I have stayed obedient to Gods' Will for the two previous sermons and now I am here today to present the third brand new Message to you; fresh manna that has been anointed by the Holy Spirit.

I tell you this now so that you may realize that if you have come here today it is not by chance or coincidence. If you are sitting here today it is by Divine Appointment, it is because the Lord has a Message for you today and has chosen me, the least of you all to be used as the Lords' Mouthpiece to speak to you this morning.

Let us please bow our heads in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit to be with us, guide us, teach us and open our Hearts, Minds and Spirit to receive what God has prepared for us.

## **Sermon**

As I mentioned to you earlier there is more to the title than meets the eye. Today I want you to reflect upon the question this sermon is asking: “*Are You too BUSY?*” At the end of the sermon I will disclose to you an acronym for the word **BUSY** that I pray will help you see the true depth of what this question is truly implying to us. I would like to start off with a small illustration so that we can better understand this title.

I would like to ask a Young person to please come up here and help me with this illustration this morning.

## **Illustration:**

Now before we begin I would like to confess something to you. The last time I preached here, which was almost a year ago (8/2010), I was unemployed because I was fired for refusing to work on Saturday. I spent (6) months without work but Praise God I have a great job now which I value because I know God provided it for me. Jobs are really hard to come by now-a-days would you agree?

Now Volunteer I am going to ask you a few questions in regards to your work ethic whether it's at your current job now or in the past. Now make believe that this job that we are talking about is a super high paying job with full benefits including (6) weeks paid vacation every year. Oh, and by the way you have to drive to and from work in the Company Mercedes Benz. I bet your wondering where do you sign-up for such a job. Are you ready to begin?

1. Suppose your Boss asked you to do a very important task and expected it to be done right away but you didn't prioritize yourself correctly and DID NOT get it done. Do you think your Boss would accept the reply you were too busy to do what they asked?
2. What if the dress code at your job required you to be in a clean ironed uniform but you decided to go to work in a dirty wrinkled filthy uniform; do you think your Boss would accept the reply you were too busy to wash and iron your clothe?
3. Suppose you got to work late everyday, do you think your Boss would accept the reply you were too busy to set your alarm clock?

Now Volunteer honestly ask yourself how long do you think you would last at a job if you did all this, most likely not too much longer right? Thank you for your help Volunteer. Aside from what not to do, if you're blessed with a job right now, what else can we learn from this illustration.

You see my dear Brothers and Sisters I believe that the vast majority of us, especially in these tough economic times would never in a million years think of doing these things that I mentioned in the illustration. If you were unemployed and you saw your friend or someone you know simply waste and disregard such an awesome opportunity what would you do?

I know me personally I would kinda of get a little upset, and probably call them ungrateful; but I am a little biased because within the past (6) years I have spent a combined total of two years unemployed. But what do you think church, with most of Florida being 55% unemployed, what would you do?

I think that we would all agree that the excuse that YOU ARE TOO BUSY is just plain insanity. No-one in their right mind would just simply throw away a perfectly good job. In case your wondering we didn't come to church today to talk about work. This is the point of this illustration...

Everyone agrees that if someone did this at their job that it would be completely insane, I know from what you've told me that most of you would never in a million years do something like this. But the sad thing is, a lot of us do this everyday. You're probably asking yourself what da hec is this guy talking about?

**My dear Brothers and Sisters we do this everyday with our Spiritual Lives. Many of us are just too BUSY for the things of God and we simply waste and disregard opportunities to spend time with Him. Somehow, someway God has made it to the bottom of our list of priorities.**

Ask yourself this question, and answer it with the first thing that comes to mind. **What is the first thing that comes to mind when you wake up in the morning?** Is it your kids, making breakfast, taking out the trash, the fact you have to get ready for work, how important your job is, what clothes you are going to wear for school, how you're going to style your hair that day, do you send a text or an email first thing in the morning. Seriously think about that young people, and Brethren here today. What honestly is the first thing you think about when you wake up in the morning?

The first thing that comes to your mind is what has become the priority in your life. Christ said it plainly in: **Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."** The first thing on our mind every morning should be Christ, if nothing else thanking God for the gift of another day of life. We should wake up with a spirit of thanksgiving. But I will be the first to admit that doesn't always happen with me, but the point is that it should always happen with us. That alarm rings and the rat race begins; ask yourself ARE YOU TOO BUSY? **Let me ask you this; would you rob God?**

**Let me give you a different viewpoint.** Everybody knows **Malachi 3:8-10** you've probably heard it hundreds of times before they collect the Tithes and Offerings right. **But allow me to rock the boat a little bit.**

Do you honestly think that Almighty God, the Maker of the Universe, the Great I AM has need of our money? We Tithe to God as a symbol of obedience to Him; as a symbol that we acknowledge that everything we have is His. Yet He allows us to use **90%** of His blessings and His money for whatever we need and He only asks us for **10%** back. You see this is a very important concept we have forgotten in our Christian lives; we honestly think that God needs our money, and that's all we focus on when we read **Malachi 3:8-10**.

**Now I am going to start preaching to you,** and I pray I can reach you. **God is not only talking about our Monetary Tithe here in this text He is more concerned that you give Him your Spiritual Tithe.** Think about that for a second my dear Brothers and Sisters.

**God gives us the blessing of life everyday to do what we please with it, and all He asks of us is 10%.** The God that has given you life only ask for **2.4 hours** of YOUR precious time, so that you can spend time with Him. Many here are probably not working and haven't been able to pay a monetary Tithe, but God honors a Spiritual Tithe and wants it from us. He wants to spend time with us Brothers and Sisters, our Creator longs to have communion with us.

### **Are you robbing God of His Spiritual Tithe?**

**We have all been created to Worship something.** Unfortunately, many worship their jobs, cars, houses, clothes, cell phones more than God. We spend more time trying to obtain and achieve Earthly things that have no Spiritual weight. Christ tells us that: ***"It is easier for a camel to fit through an eye of a needle than a rich man to enter into the Gates of Heaven"***. Many idolize possessions, instead of putting Christ on a pedestal. **We break the first (2) commandments by being so caught up with the things of this world.** My dear Brothers and Sisters I tell you from my own life experience this lifestyle and mentality will lead to your ruin.

**"Satan has done a great job creating this illusion we like to call living life to the fullest."**

**Sometimes we get SO BUSY that we don't have time to cultivate and develop our Gifts and Talents through the Holy Spirit so that we can fulfill our Purpose for Gods' Kingdom.** If we don't spend time in communion with God, then His Spirit CANNOT and WILLNOT be able to continue to change and mould our hearts and character into the likeness of Christ.

This is why **Matthew 7:21-23** says: ***"many in that day shall say have I not done many wonderful works in thy name" "and the Lord will declare to them depart from me for I never knew you"***

Everything we do must be focused on Christ and come from the Holy Spirit. We worry so much about the trivial things of this life and pleasing others. Turn in your Bibles please to **Matthew 6:34** where it tells us: ***"Don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries"*** we have to learn to live one day at a time.

The Scriptures teach us of the many dangers of being TOO BUSY with everyday life. I am not going to have you look up a bunch of text but I am going to quote a couple of very familiar examples of BEING TOO BUSY.

Let's talk about Judas Iscariot who was TOO BUSY in math class learning how to count money and TOO BUSY to learn how to be honest and he stole from the money fund the Disciples' all relied on.

Or how about the Pharisees who were TOO BUSY to see that the Son of God was made manifest in Christ Jesus.

All throughout the Scriptures we see different examples of being TOO BUSY. We have also spoken of examples in and out of the Church of being TOO BUSY. Now I will reveal to you the acronym for the word BUSY I told you about when I first began this Message and I pray you remember it and take with you in your hearts and minds.

**B**eing  
**U**nder  
**S**atans  
**Y**oke

**Anything that keeps you from fulfilling your God given Purpose and Destiny is BEING UNDER SATANS YOKE. Anything that takes you away from, or separates you from God, is BEING UNDER SATANS YOKE.**

#### Closing

**Matthew 6:33** tells us to: “**Seek first the Kingdom**”; seeking the Kingdom first should be number one on our list of priorities.

What if Christ would've said He was TOO BUSY to leave the right hand of God to come and be born of a virgin. What if Christ would've said Lord take this cup from me in the Garden of Gethsemane and gotten up and walked away and said maybe later when He has time he'll try to do it. Or what if God would've said He was TOO BUSY for the Plan of Salvation and didn't feel like sending His only begotten Son?

Let me tell you about the God we serve. He has a wonderful plan for your life. He loves you so much that He sent His Son to be beaten, scourged beyond recognition and was hung naked on a Cross for you and me. All because God loves us so much; yet ask yourself this question today and reflect upon it.

#### Altar Call

**Will you today be TOO BUSY to answer God calling you?**

**BEING**

**UNDER**

**SATANS**

**YOKE**