

II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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ARE YOU BUSY ENOUGH FOR GOD TO USE?

God never goes to the lazy or the idle when He needs people for His service. When He has work to be done, He goes to those who are already at work. When God wants a great servant, He calls a busy person. Think about the great men of the Bible who were busy when God called:

Moses was busy with his flock at Horeb.

Gideon was busy threshing wheat by the wine press.

Saul was busy searching for his father's lost sheep.

David was busy caring for his father's sheep.

Elisha was busy plowing with twelve yoke of oxen.

Nehemiah was busy as the king's cupbearer.

Amos was busy following the flock.

James and John were busy mending their fishing nets.

Matthew was busy collecting customs.

Saul was busy persecuting the friends of Jesus.

Are you busy enough for God to use?



I'M AFRAID I'M NOT AS INVOLVED IN THE LORD'S WORK AS I USED TO BE



MY CHRISTIAN CONVICTIONS DON'T SEEM AS STRONG AS THEY ONCE WERE



A GRAPE THAT LIES OUT IN THE SUN SHRIVELS UP AND BECOMES A RAISIN



MY WIFE IS A MINI-SERMON SPECIALIST



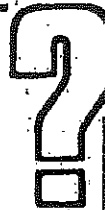
THINK ABOUT IT!



Realize that if you have an undesirable habit it had to be acquired. You were not born with it, and you do not have to keep it. Anything that is acquired can be disposed of.

HOW LONG SHALL I GIVE?

"Go break to the needy sweet charity's bread,
For giving is living," the angel said.
"And must I be giving again and again?"
My peevish and pitiless answer ran.
"Oh no," said the angel, piercing me through,
"Just give till the Master stops giving to you!"



Bible Trivia Questions

1. Who was rescued from an allied army of five kings by Abraham? _____
2. Who used trumpets, pitchers and lights in a surprise attack on the Midianites? _____
3. Who destroyed grain fields by turning loose 300 foxes with their tails afire? _____

ANSWERS: 1. Lot (Gen. 14:13-16) 2. Gideon (Judges 7:16-23) 3. Samson (Judges 15:4-5)

a
person
may go
to heaven

- without wealth
- without beauty
- without learning
- without fame
- without culture
- without friends

BUT NO ONE CAN
GO TO HEAVEN
WITHOUT CHRIST

For there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12

IF YOU

were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

THERE IS NO CONFLICT BETWEEN THE OLD AND THE NEW. THE CONFLICT IS BETWEEN THE FALSE AND THE TRUE.

A FANATIC IS ONE WHO CAN'T CHANGE HIS MIND AND WON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT.



WHERE DO YOU STAND?

As a church member which of the six groups below would you fit in best?

1. Comfortable, lazy members who obstruct change because they like things the way they are.
2. Warped members who get their greatest happiness out of criticizing those who get things done.
3. Jealous members who yearn for credit or recognition while others do the hard work.
4. Unconcerned, passive members who really don't care what happens.
5. The great majority of members who have no idea what is happening.
6. The few, courageous, loyal members who, with God's help, make things happen regardless of problems.

"Come to Me"

I love to hear the story
Of Jesus long ago,
Who blessed the little children
Because He loved them so.
I know He still is waiting
To bless each child today;
He loves them very dearly
And hears them when they pray.



Bible Trivia Questions

1. Who is the Lamb of God? _____
2. Who did Festus call mad? _____
3. Paul's 1st missionary companion was _____
4. Hagar's outcast son was _____
5. Who tempted Jesus in the mountain? _____

ANSWERS: 1. Jesus 2. Paul 3. Barnabas 4. Ishmael

HOME

So many times while in our youth
We don't appreciate
The many blessings God grants us,
Until it is too late!

We take in stride our many gifts,
And wish that we could roam
To some place grand and glorious,
That's far away from home!

Then like a bird that leaves its nest
We gladly do depart;
So sure that what we'll find in life
Will be what's in our heart.

But then alas! We find our dreams
Have all gone up in smoke!
We're in some distant city and
We're lonesome and we're broke!

It's then our eyes are opened wide,
And we feel oh so small
As memories make us realize
Home wasn't bad at all!

Then fighting pride we do decide
That we'll no longer wait;
And when at last we get back home
There's mother at the gate!

Oh what a thrill her sweet embrace,
As tears of joy do flow;
So glad you're home and know for sure
Your folks still love you so!

Yes, home sure means a lot to us,
When we know its true worth;
'Specially when God's always there
It's heaven here on earth!

The young man
asked his Dad
for ten dol-
lars to take
his girl out
on a date.



"Here's the ten dol-
lars," his Dad said,
"but be sure and make
it go as far as you
possibly can."

His son's quick re-
ply was, "Dad, I'll
make this ten dollars
go so far you'll nev-
er see it again!"

*It's a funny thing but
true,*

*The folks you don't
like, don't like
you.*

*I don't know why
this should be so,*

*But just the same I
always know*

*That when I'm sour,
friends are few;*

*When I'm friendly,
folks are too.*

Wrong Brand. When one
lady was asked to dedicate her
life to God, she replied, "Oh, no.
I am miserable enough with
what religion I now have. Please
don't ask me to get any more."

A horse can't pull while kicking.
This fact I merely mention.
And he can't kick while pulling.
Which is my chief contention.

Let's imitate the good old horse
And lead a life that's fitting;
Just pull an honest load, and then
There'll be no time for kicking.