

## DON'T GET TOO BUSY

Scattered thoughts from a guy who made himself a promise  
that he would never get too busy *[at least not for any long stretches]*  
and kept that promise to his wife and kids *[pretty well]*.  
*Ask my wife..*

“HOW TO AVOID GETTING TOO BUSY FOR PEOPLE AND OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS.”

**Read this aloud together with your staff.**

Use your spiritual gift at your best level wherever you serve!

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NEVER get too busy. Never write obligations on your calendar which you know you can't fulfill.

NEVER get too busy for people.

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It is OK to get too busy for spurts and controlled brief periods of time.

NEVER get too busy. If you make a promise and find yourself in a bind, unable to fulfill it, don't be too proud to call and apologize and seek to be released. Think of a suggestion to help them out of their bind. You will never know how many people you hurt by your desire to “look busy for God.”

NEVER get too busy to spend time with God.

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NEVER repeat this lie you've already told yourself, “I'm going to slow down as soon as I'm finished with what's happening now.”

NEVER get so busy that you don't get to know God better in some measureable way each year.

Use the “Water Test.” Fill a bucket full of water. Put your fist into the water slowly. Pull it out slowly.

Measure the size of the hole which will indicate how important your busyness is. God can replace you in a literal heartbeat—if it stops.

NEVER get too busy.

NEVER get too busy to pray.

Use your spiritual gift.

Busyness does not produce better results than waiting. . .for God, or waiting. . .on God.

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Not everybody has an inner urge to fill up his/her day with going & doing & eating & watching & playing & TV & eating out, . . .BUT if you're one of them *[or married to one]*, let me share what people just like you have learned along the way.

**IF** you know you have a propensity to get too “ministry busy,” then. . .

- a. Never make calendar appointments without your spouse's knowledge.
- b. Don't make time commitments you know will overtax you
- c. Under promise. Over deliver. This is a skill which can be learned.
- d. Remember the results of the water bucket test. Let them find somebody else.  
You're probably not as necessary as others think you are, anyway.
- e. Don't take on any responsibility which isn't utilizing your spiritual gifting.
- f. Never break a time promise to any of your kids *[ministry or family]*.
- g. Learn to say, “No.” It is an art.
- h. Giving away jobs esteems others.

Busy is a choice. At the end of each year *[as well as yesterday]*, you did what was important to you.  
You did what you chose to do.

Busy is fine. Many busy people accomplish a lot of good. Some have called “habitually too busy” a sin.

We are training you to accomplish great things with your life.

Too busy is too busy. It is negative stars *[black holes]* in your heavenly crowns. You are penalized for saying, “I regret having been that busy.”

Too busy for people, and too busy for God—is sin.

Too busy to keep your promises.

too busy to stay out of debt—

too busy to be polite—

too busy to turn in every school assignment on time—

too busy to be on time for appointments—

too busy to spend time in meditating about God—

too busy to do some little thing you promised *[it was just a little promise]—*

too busy to go out of your way *[for an hour or more?]* to help somebody—

too busy to listen and be all there—

too busy to give God your calendar & schedule—

too busy to correct a kid for saying “OMG”—

too busy to prepare thoroughly for ministries coming up—

too preoccupied to turn off the TV when vile advertisements appear—

“Busyness will not only ruin your marriage and ministry, it will ruin your boys quicker than your girls, and it will ruin your relationship with God.”