



The Notes

MIND YOUR OWN BUSYNESS Part 1: "A Better Kind of Busyness"

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IF I WANT MY BUSYNESS TO PRODUCE THE RIGHT RESULTS, I NEED TO...

1. ...CHOOSE A BETTER WAY TO BE BUSY

"Pour out all your worries and stress upon him and leave them there, for he always tenderly cares for you."

1 Peter 5:7 (TPT)

"We have a "profit" that is greater than theirs—our holy awe of God! To have merely our necessities is to have enough.

Isn't it true that our hands were empty when we came into the world, and when we leave this world our hands will be empty again? Because of this, food and clothing is enough to make us content. But those who crave the wealth of this world slip into spiritual snares. They become trapped by the troubles that come through their foolish and harmful desires, driven by greed and drowning in their own sinful pleasures. And they take others down with them into their corruption and eventual destruction. Loving money is the first step toward all kinds of trouble. Some people run after it so

much that they have given up their faith. Craving more money pushes them away from the faith into error, compounding misery in their lives!

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (TPT)

“We can demolish every deceptive fantasy that opposes God and break through every arrogant attitude that is raised up in defiance of the true knowledge of God. We capture, like prisoners of war, every thought and insist that it bow in obedience to the Anointed One.”

2 Corinthians 10:5 (TPT)

“Put your heart and soul into every activity you do, as though you are doing it for the Lord himself and not merely for others.”

Colossians 3:23 (TPT)

2. ...CHOOSE HOW, WHY AND WHEN I'M BUSY, OR SOMEONE ELSE WILL

“Early in the morning, Jesus got up, left the house while it was still dark outside, and went to a deserted place to pray.”

Mark 1:35 (TVB)

After this miracle the news about Jesus spread even farther. Massive crowds continually gathered to hear him speak and to be healed from their illnesses. But Jesus often slipped away from them and went into the wilderness to pray.”

Luke 5:15-16 (TPT)

“There was such a swirl of activity around Jesus, with so many people coming and going, that they were unable to even eat a meal. So Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Come, let’s take a break and find a secluded place where you can rest a while.’ They slipped away and left by sailboat for a deserted spot.”

Mark 6:31-32 (TPT)

3. ...CHOOSE TO SMARTLY SOW EVERY MOMENT I’M GIVEN

“Once there was a sower who scattered seeds. One day he walked in a field scattering seeds as he went. Some seeds fell beside a road, and a flock of birds came and ate all those seeds. So the sower scattered seeds in a field, one with shallow soil and strewn with rocks. But the seeds grew quickly amid all the rocks, without rooting themselves in the shallow soil. Their roots got tangled up in all the stones. The sun scorched these seeds, and they died. And so the sower scattered seeds near a path, this one covered with thorny vines. The seeds fared no better there—the thorns choked them, and they died. And so finally the sower scattered his seeds in a patch of good earth. At home in the good earth, the seeds grew and grew. Eventually the seeds bore fruit, and the fruit grew ripe and was harvested. The harvest was immense—30, 60, 100 times what was sown.”

Matthew 13:3-8 (TVB)

“Hard work means prosperity; only a fool idles away his time.”

Proverbs 12:11 (TLB)

“Teach us how short our lives really are so that we may be wise.”

Psalm 90:12 (NCV)

“So be very careful how you live. Live wisely, not like fools. I mean that you should use every opportunity you have for doing good, because these are evil times. So don’t be foolish with your lives, but learn what the Lord wants you to do.”

Ephesians 5:15-17 (ERV)