



A Twenty-One Day Digital Devotional

Day Three

Sowing Our Time Into Prayer

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

- Mark 1:35

Jesus was a busy guy. He had people to heal, sermons to preach, God's Kingdom to usher into the world. And yet, Jesus made time on a consistent basis for one thing: prayer. Throughout the gospels we find Jesus retreating to pray and spend time alone with His Heavenly Father. In John 5:19 Jesus says, "the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing." The way Jesus knew what His Father was doing was because He spent time listening to Him.

So many of us are busy all the time. Baseball practice on Tuesday, PTA meeting on Wednesday, small group on Thursday, back-to-back soccer games on Saturday. Our calendars can become so full, even with good things, that we neglect the most important thing. Even in the church, we can be guilty of this. We often think God wants us to do more, give more, and serve more. If we're not careful we will come to believe that the miracle of multiplication is up to us. The reality is we don't have the power to multiply. We are limited to being in one place at one time. But God has no limits, so why would we not spend time asking the One with all the resources at His disposal what we should be doing? In John 15:5 Jesus says, "Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." We can be busy doing things for God, but if we are not abiding with God, then we will just be spinning our wheels.

Take 5 minutes each morning and ask God what He wants you to do that day. Ask Him to show you any blind spots of sin, thank Him for His redeeming love, and pray for Him to lead you to those whom He wants to multiply His grace to.

Questions To Consider

How can you work prayer as a regular habit into your life? What might you need to give up to spend time alone with God?

Have you ever been so busy doing things for God, that you don't have time to be with God?

Prayer Focus

Papa, thank You for taking the initiative to save me because of Your great love while I was still dead in my sin. Forgive me for becoming so busy with urgent things that I miss the most important thing, which is You. Multiply Your love in me as I abide in You so that Your love might be multiplied through me in others. Amen.

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