

Are you in too much of a hurry, stuck in a rut or have too many things going on in your life to be able to properly pray, listen and see what is happening around you, appreciate the miracles that happen every day or show love to people?

Psalm 39:6 tells us: Man is a mere phantom as he goes to and fro: He bustles about, but only in vain; he heaps up wealth, not knowing who will get it.(NIV) We work so hard to try to get ahead in this life and the reality is that it's all temporary. It's great fun to have all those toys while we're on this earth, but our time here is so short. Do we really want to waste it by doing all these unimportant things?

Our biggest problem is that we think as long as we're alive, that our time is just that – ours. The truth is that your time is not yours but God's. Jeremiah 10:23, "I know, O LORD, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps." (NIV) Jesus told us in his parable in Luke 12 that the man who makes plans for his wealth and success is actually a fool because God might demand his life that evening. We need to recognize that God owns our time and we are simply stewards of it – we are supposed to be using and caring for our time as He would want us to because He has entrusted it to us.

We think we're so busy but we've missed the point. If we were to take everything we think we need to do and list them, we wouldn't have enough time to do all these things. We might think that God has short-changed us with the time He has given us. But God has given us more than enough time to do the things He needs us to do. Everything else is from ourselves.

Let's begin to look at time differently. We should begin each morning thanking God for giving us another day to do His work. We should pray that we get it right and do what He needs us to do and not what we want to do. Finally, we should rearrange our schedule to fit His work into it. Then we'll see how much time we really have!