

As Thy Servant Was Busy Here

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We must prioritize our life and our relationship with God, lest we miss the main end of life and lose the chance to influence others for their salvation.

Scripture: 1 Kings 20:40, Ecclesiastes 12:13, Matthew 6:33, Luke 8:14, James 4:14

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Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the danger of being overly busy with trivial matters, drawing from the parable of a man who lost sight of his primary responsibility while preoccupied with distractions. He warns that many people fill their lives with superficial activities, neglecting the deeper purpose of influencing others and seeking salvation. Meyer highlights the fleeting nature of life and the importance of focusing on eternal values rather than ephemeral interests. He calls for a reevaluation of priorities to ensure that we do not miss the opportunity to know God and impact the lives of those around us.

Transcript

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and there, he was gone. 1 Kings xx. 40.

THIS was likely enough to happen on a battlefield. It would not be possible to hold your prisoner, and to busy yourself about other things at the same time. This man, in the prophet's parable, made a great mistake to concern himself about a number of trifles, when so serious a matter as his own life depended on giving all his attention to the custodianship of the prisoner entrusted to his care. But is it not thus that men miss the main end of life?

Busy here and there, and life is gone. Many spend their days in mere trivialities. Like children they dig in the sand; like the butterfly, they flit from flower to flower. A round of visits, a few novels, a good many hours of light gaiety; vanity, fashion, and amusement; these fill their hours, the days flash by, and life is gone. They have nothing to show for it.

Busy here and there, and the chance of saving others is gone. Lives touch lives, for the chief purpose that one should influence the other. But too often we deal only with superficialities, busying ourselves in the slightest interests, but not seeking the salvation of those with whom we associate. The dance, the game, the business relationship, monopolise our thought, and our friends are

swept from us in the eddying whirl of life's battle, and are gone.

Busy here and there, and the knowledge of God is gone. Remember how the birds caught away the seed of the Kingdom; and be sure that, in the same way, the cares and riches of this world, and the lusts of other things may enter in, and destroy the impression made on the heart. The ephemeral interests of life press hard on its real interests. Like boys, we squander in trifling the hours given to prepare for an examination on which all the future must turn.

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