

# The Shop, the Farm, and the Oxen

by Thomas Brooks

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*Thomas Brooks warns against the dangers of worldly business, which can consume our time and extinguish our heavenly affections, and encourages us to prioritize our relationship with God.*

**Scripture:** Luke 14:16

**Topics:** "Spiritual Priorities", "Worldly Distractions"

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## Description

Thomas Brooks warns against the dangers of being overly engaged in worldly affairs, emphasizing that excessive focus on earthly business can extinguish our spiritual fervor and hinder our relationship with God. He illustrates this by referencing the distractions of daily life, such as the shop, the farm, and the oxen, which can consume our time and attention, leaving little room for communion with God. Brooks urges believers to prioritize their spiritual lives and not allow worldly concerns to overshadow their heavenly affections.

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## Transcript

Take heed of engaging yourselves in a crowd of worldly businesses. Many have so much to do on earth that they have no time to look up to heaven. As much earth puts out the fire, so much worldly business puts out the fire of heavenly affections. Look! as the earth swallowed up Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, Numbers 22:32; so much worldly business swallows up so much precious time, that many men have no leisure to be with God in their closets. There is nothing that has kept men more from Christ--than the shop, the farm, and the oxen, etc., Luke 14:16-22.

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