

Crazy Demands

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Scriptures:

- Acts 7:42, 43
- Acts 7:42, 43, *MSG*
- Psalm 94:19, *TPT*
- Matthew 13:22, *TPT*
- Psalm 23:2
- 1 Samuel 15:24
- 1 Corinthians 4:4
- 1 Corinthians 4:4, 5, *MSG*
- Proverbs 4:23
- Proverbs 10:8, *TPT*
- Haggai 1:9, *NIV*
- Philippians 2:21, *TPT*

Summary:

In the distracting environment we live in, positioning ourselves to hear from God is not always easy. Sometimes we can have busy hearts that keep us from experiencing His best for us. We must take care that the busyness of our loaded schedules does not reflect busyness in our hearts. To remain focused on God, we must base our identity not in what we do, but in what He says about us; getting too wrapped up in our own activities only drives a wedge between us and Him. We make a mistake when we get busy trying to please people, control others, or do what God has not called us to do. Our inner motives matter; they control the direction of our lives. We stay safe when we do only what God tells us to do, and nothing more.

Notes:

1. Letting the world, instead of God, set our priorities preoccupies us with trivial things.
2. Living to please people keeps us from experiencing the rest God wants us to have. We make a mistake when we give in to people's unreasonable demands and expectations.
3. Busyness just for the sake of staying busy robs our hearts. Staying over-active opens the door to frustration, stress, and irritability. A loaded, busy schedule does not determine our value as human beings.
4. We must beware of pervasive, people-pleasing restless ambition that prevents us from entering into God's rest.
5. Jesus gives us rest, tells us to stop striving, and completes the work.

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