



Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

As we have looked intently into the sin of busyness (being too busy to pursue God or His will for our lives), and the sin of laziness (being too lazy to pursue God or His will for our lives), we are left with this prevailing question: What is the solution to overcoming a sinfully busy (or lazy) life? In pursuit of this answer, I have discovered six steps that will help us overcome the sin of busyness and prevent us from falling into that sinful trap with our lives.

1. **Prioritize your life according to God's Word.** When Christians are too busy for God's Word they will undoubtedly fail to prioritize their life according to God's Word. Being in God's Word every day will compel the Christian to seriously remember and consider what God desires and demands of them each day. It is true: "God's Word will keep you from sin, and sin will keep you from God's Word" (cf. Ps.119:9-16).
2. **Repent from the sin of being too busy (or lazy) for God.** Repentance is the willful obligation of every true believer. Literally, the word repentance can be translated "to turn around" or "to think differently." True repentance describes a person's wholehearted desire to turn from sin and to God (cf. Matt.3:8; 2Cor.7:10).
3. **Accept personal responsibility for your life.** One of the more common mistakes that people make when they are convicted of sin is to try to place the blame for that sin on something or someone else. They will often say things like, "I just do not have the time..." or "I have no choice..." The truth is, every person is accountable to God for everything they say and do, and don't say or don't do (cf. Eph.5:15-17; 1Cor.4:5).
4. **Yield every moment to the leading of the Holy Spirit.** As Christians, we are to be living our lives with a continual God-consciousness – living each and every moment of each and every day in the submissive acknowledgement that Jesus is both Savior and Lord of our lives. The Christian walk is not a "Sunday only" faith in the living Christ (cf. Ps.19:14; 71:8; 145:1-2, 21; 150:6).
5. **Exercise the ability to say no to the "lesser" things in life.** Someone once said, "'The best' is often sacrificed on the altar of 'the good.'" Very few things can truly be called the greatest or the most important things in life. Believers must be able to discern the bad from the good, and the good from the best. Keeping the main thing the main thing is an important crucible in the Christian's life (cf. Phil.3:12-14).
6. **Resolve to live according to godly priorities.** In order to make any lasting change in life, we must resolutely be determined to live according to our priorities. Things of eternal significance do not come easy, and they rarely come without a fight. In fact, they cannot truly be obtained without God-given endurance and perseverance. Therefore, Christians must be steadfast in their commitment to walk according to godly priorities and in the strength that God provides (cf. Heb.10:36; 12:1-3; 1Pet.4:11).

Appropriately, this six-step list is assembled off the word "Prayer." This is because, above everything else, prayer is the master key to overcoming the sin of busyness and laziness. As a Christian's prayer life goes so goes his/her spiritual life. Pray for God to give you the wisdom, strength and conviction you need to pursue His will for your life with passion and faithfulness.

Together in and for Christ,
Pastor David

Scripture Readings for the Week (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #26):

Leviticus 7-9; 1 Kings 19-22; Psalms 75-77; Proverbs 7; Ezekiel 13-18; Luke 15-16; Philippians 1-2

Recommended Reading:

"Outrageous Mercy" William P. Farley

Calendar of
Events:

VBS

June 25 - 28

Family Camp

June 28 – July 1

Church Picnic

July 8

Looking Ahead....

Big G Camp

July 30 – Aug 3

Women's Summer
Event

July 19

Quarterly Business Mtg

July 22

For prayer requests,
email Amy Woodruff
at prayer@sbcnb.org
or call 541-404-0547

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Growth & Study.....

Men's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm *On break for the summer*
w/Jeff Etzel

Wednesdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Book of Ecclesiastes"
w/Pastor David

Thursdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Galatians ~ No Other Gospel"
w/Pastor Tim

Fridays ~

6:30-7:30am "Jesus Among Secular Gods"
w/Pastor David

Young Adults

Thursdays ~

7:00-9:00pm At Skyline
w/Pastor Tim 541-756-3311

Women's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm *On break for the summer*
w/Renee Middleton (541-297-2500)

Tuesdays ~

6:30-7:30am *On break for the summer*
w/Loy Huntzinger (360-607-0022)

8:30am *On break for the summer*
w/Beth Wallstrom (541-404-0112)

9:00am *On break for the summer*

w/Lois-Elaine Rencehausen (541-267-3106)

1:00-2:15pm *On break for the summer*
w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

7:00-8:15pm *On break for the summer*
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Wednesdays ~

9:00-10:30am *On break for the summer*
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

10:00am "Experiencing God's Peace"
w/Karla Fries (541-267-0139)

Off 6/27 & 7/4 then continuing through
summer

6:30-8:00pm "Jesus Among Secular Gods"
***Begins June 20th**
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

Connect & Encourage.....

Vacation Bible School ~ June 25th to 28th

Invite your friends, family & neighbors to join us for faith-building fun at our Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School. Open to kids 3 years old (potty trained) through entering 5th grade. For more information contact Loy Huntzinger, the church office, or go to our website at sbcnb.org where you can find out more and get signed up!

Family Camp ~ June 28

Sign up to join us for Family Camp June 28th – July 1st at LaVerne Park. The campground opens Thursday at 3pm with worship & teaching Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday morning. There will be an all-church potluck on Saturday at 5pm. Registration forms are available on the News & Events bulletin board or call the church office. Come for all or part of the events!

Women's Event "Simply Simple Summer Social" ~ July 19

7 pm at Skyline Baptist Church in the Fireside Room. Please sign up on bulletin board by July 15th to help with planning. There is a \$3 suggested donation at the door

Children's & Youth Ministries

Big G Summer Camp ~

July 30 - August 3

Open to students entering 4th through 9th grade.

Teen Mexico Mission Trip ~

August 10 – 19

Please be in prayer for their preparations.

Youth Group ~

High School youth group ~ Sunday nights 6 to 8pm.

Junior High youth group ~ *On break for the summer*

Junior High Lake Day ~ July 8th

High School Lake Day (including incoming freshmen). Meet at the church at 3pm and returning to church at 8pm.

