



Do you ever have days when you're so busy you barely have time to go to the restroom, much less make time for God? Busy schedules day in day out, constant pressure at home, work or school. I'm sure most of us are no strangers to days like that. Some days it seems like every time I turn around, *someone needs something*. The good news is, no matter how busy your life is right now (*and no matter what's making it so busy*), there's no reason God has to take a backseat. But how on earth do you make time for God a priority – even when you barely have time to breath. Well you might start to schedule "God-time" in first. God is not satisfied with our leftovers. He wants to be your number 1 priority. Don't aim to fit in time with God "when you have a chance" or "when you get around to it." You'll get busy. You'll get distracted. You'll forget. *Ask me how I know...that's me!* Instead, look over your day in advance. Figure out when the BEST time to read your Bible/pray would be, and choose to set that time aside for God. Set it aside. Guard it. Treat it like an unbreakable appointment – even when you don't feel like it. Your time slot could be early in the morning, over your lunch break, in the afternoons... it's completely up to you. Just choose wisely. Don't give God your leftovers. Don't choose 10 pm if you know you're

going to be brain dead by then or 6 am if you know you won't get up. Give God the best spot. While making sure God gets the best spot in your day is a fantastic place to start, I'd really encourage you: don't stop there! God doesn't want part of you part of the time. He wants all of you all of the time! Of course, if fitting *another* thing into an already jam-packed schedule really is going to be a challenge, chances are you have way more things on your plate than you should. Sure, they may be good, and even important, but if they are taking up so much time that you don't have time left for God, they have to go. So... how are you spending your time currently? I would encourage you to get really honest with yourself. Maybe

take 3-4 days and write down absolutely everything you do. Don't estimate. Write down where your time is actually going. It is also important to keep your expectations realistic. There are some periods of life that are naturally going to be busier than others *and that's okay*. Your quiet times now may not look like they did 5 or 10 years ago, and they won't look the same in 5 to 10 years down the road, and *that's okay*. God is not up in Heaven with a scorecard, marking down every minute you do (or don't) spend in prayer.

1 Samuel 16: 7 tells us, "But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."" So what does your heart look like? That's the question. Do you genuinely hunger for quiet time with the Lord? Do you **look forward to reading your Bible** or meeting with other Christians as often as you can? Do you strive every day to grow deeper in your faith than you were the day before?

Answering these questions honestly will reveal a great deal about your real priorities.

