

## YOUR SERVANT WAS BUSY HERE AND THERE (1 Kings. 20:40)

In 1 Kings 20, Ahab is supposed to destroy Ben-Hadad and his people, but he decides to have mercy on them, which God was not pleased with. God uses one of His prophets in an unusual way to show the consequence of Ahab's actions. Read 1 Kings 20:35-43.

What was the consequence? \_\_\_\_\_

What does the prophet teach us in verse 40? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything wrong with being busy? \_\_\_\_\_

Before we go further, let's see what the Bible has to say about keeping busy.

Gen. 2:15 \_\_\_\_\_

Ecc. 9:10 \_\_\_\_\_

Neh. 4:6 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Thess. 3:10 \_\_\_\_\_

Now let's see what Bible says about being lazy, careless, and a busybody.

1 Pet. 4:15 \_\_\_\_\_

Rom 12:10-11 \_\_\_\_\_

Prov. 6:6-11 \_\_\_\_\_

Prov. 13:4 \_\_\_\_\_

Prov. 19:15 \_\_\_\_\_

Prov. 20:4 \_\_\_\_\_

Prov. 24:30-33 \_\_\_\_\_

Ecc. 10:18 \_\_\_\_\_

We should definitely stay busy as Christians, but what's important is staying busy doing the right things and not the wrong ones. Notice what we learn about busy people who were doing the wrong things.

Mt. 23:15 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Pet. 5:8 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Thess. 3:11 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Tim. 5: 11-13 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Tim. 2:17-18 \_\_\_\_\_

Now let's look at some things that Bible says are good things for us to be busy with.

Mt. 7:21 \_\_\_\_\_

Rom. 13:3 \_\_\_\_\_

Titus 3:8, 14 \_\_\_\_\_

Mt. 6:33 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Tim. 5:8 \_\_\_\_\_

The key to it all is that whatever we do in word or deed, we need to do for the glory of God (Col. 3:17; Mt. 5:16). When we have our priorities straight, we will stay busy with things that will not allow us to become distracted from serving our God and living for Him. We will have the same attitude as Paul in Phil. 3:13-14.

Staying busy is important because when we become idle, many times it leads to us saying or doing things that we should not. So, no matter what age you are or what your physical ability is, let's stay busy for the Lord.

**1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.**