

2 Tim 4:5

But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

The question of the day is. *“If you stopped serving the Lord from this moment on, would your lifestyle change?”*

What sort of question is that? Well, one I thought about myself.

Those who know me or know something's about me, know I used to work 2 jobs. I got up at 5:30 every morning on the weekdays. I started out with a shower and getting ready for work. Then before I went to work, I would spend time in the word. I actually read through the bible twice a year, which means 5 – 6 chapters a day. I then went to my first job, and worked 8 hours, then I went straight to my second job and work another 4.5 hours. I would come home and finish reading the chapters in the bible for the day that I was not able to finish that morning.

On weekends, I worked all day Saturday with Sunday being my only full day off.

On Sunday, I got up early to go pray at church with others before the services started, then I went to service and then went home. Once I was home there are things I need to do, that normal people do during the week or on Saturday (Laundry, shopping etc...) I also wrote a week's worth of devotionals on Sunday (once in a while I would use an older devotional or two). Then any remaining time I had on Sunday or any other night, I usually spent playing, writing, singing and recording worship songs.

So I have a full week, and even if I only worked one job, my free time would mostly be writing, teaching the bible and worship music.

But what if I stopped doing for the Lord. What would I do? Or how would my life change? For me it would be a huge change, I wouldn't know what to do with myself, because I have been serving for so many years, that it's a part of who I am.

But the question you need to ask yourself is, if you stopped doing for the Lord, would your life change? Are you so busy with life and yourself and family, that you have no time for the Lord, so there wouldn't be any real change at all, other then you could sleep in on Sunday's instead of going to church, and maybe no praying before a meal? How much time do you spend each day reading His word?

Let's put this in another light. What if you stopped watching TV, how would your life change or how much free time each week or every day would you now have?

Even if you don't watch TV, you can change the word TV to whatever your passion is. Like shopping, the Internet, reading novels with no substance, playing sports, exercising etc...

Now that you have thought about that, which passion, if you stopped would free up more time for you each week or everyday and is way more time then if you stopped serving the Lord?

† **Luke 6:46** *But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?*

We vow to serve the Lord, someday when we have time. The question is, do you really have the time, but would rather spend it in front of the TV or at the gym?

† **1 Tim 4:8 (NLT)** *Physical exercise has some value, but spiritual exercise is much more important, for it promises a reward in both this life and the next.*

Note that I told of my weekly schedule, not to brag on myself, but to show you that you can make the Lord first in your life, and that you do have time, all you need to do is use your time wisely.