

Luke 6:12

Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

How many times have you made the decision to start reading through the bible, or having a daily quiet time in prayer with the Lord, and when you do it seems that something always comes up. When that happens, usually the first one that is blamed is satan. But you know what, sometimes he gets credit for something he actually didn't do.

If you think about it, if you decide to do something for the Lord that He has told you to do, and you don't do it, and if you are blaming satan, then you are saying that satan has control over your life and not the Lord, because if the Lord is guiding you to read His word or have a daily time of prayer with Him, if He is "Lord" of your life, shouldn't you be obedient to Him and not satan? After all, doesn't Lord mean He is in control and you are obedient to what He says? Like the old saying goes, "Who's your daddy?" or in this case "Who's your Lord?"

So, if you can't seem to get a quiet time with the Lord to be in His word and in prayer, the only fault is your own. It's not satan's fault, it's not your kids fault, not your spouse's fault, not your job or bosses fault. Not your dog or gold fishes, or neighbor's fault. No, it's your fault.

Think about that for a minute and let me ask you this. If you wanted to get away with your spouse for a day or weekend or even a few hours, wouldn't you find a way to make it happen? You would find some way for someone to watch the kids or your pets, and you would find a way to get the money or the time off work to make it happen, right? So, how much more so if you truly want to spend time with your Savior, Jesus, and your Father, God.

Looking at today's verse we are reminded how much time Jesus spent with the Father in prayer, many times all night as *He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God*. So am I or the bible telling you that you need to be in prayer all night? No, it's more of what's your priority. We want to be like Jesus, who's priority was the Father and He showed that by spending so much time with Him in prayer. What does your time show that your priority is?

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

How many times have you heard from the pulpit, from devotionals, from my teachings here, from the Lord Himself, almost pleading with you to spend time with the Lord in His word and in prayer. And if you are using excuses like your family, friends, a tv show, a movie, your pets (Especially your goldfish who is so demanding of your time), you are blaming everyone but the real person that you should be blamed, and that's yourself.

Do you have to be reminded to spend time with your spouse, or your kids, or your family, or your friends? No, because you find the time to do it. Sure you don't spend hours upon hours with them each day, but you do make it a point to spend time with them every day, simply because you love them, and how much more are we to love the Lord and make a way every day to spend time with Him as well?

† **Matthew 10:37** *He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.*

† **Psalm 40:16** *Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!"*

† **Psalm 63:1** *O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.*