

## Take Time to be Holy 735

**TEXT:** Mark 13:32-37

Can we become too involved in the world to become holy?

Do we have to make an effort to be Holy?

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Song # 731 – "Take Time to be Holy"
2. Title should make us stop and think.
3. What does it mean to be HOLY?
4. When we become too involved with the world, we do not take time to be holy.

### **I. Some things which hinder us**

#### **A. Busy here and there**

1. Too many things to do- 1 Kings 20:39 -40 Now as the king passed by, he cried out to the king and said, "Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and there, a man came over and brought a man to me, and said, 'Guard this man; if by any means he is missing, your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.' "While your servant was busy here and there, he was gone." Then the king of Israel said to him, "So shall your judgment be; you yourself have decided it."
2. Not that the things themselves may be wrong but they can crowd out God.

#### **B. Our work**

1. Too many jobs/ too many hours at work.

Does the company OWN your soul?

Song – Sixteen Tons – "I owe my soul to company store." Tennessee Ernie Ford

Some people say a man is made outta' mud  
A poor man's made outta' muscle and blood  
Muscle and blood and skin and bones  
A mind that's a-weak and a back that's strong

You load sixteen tons, what do ya get?  
Another day older and deeper in debt  
Saint Peter don't you call me 'cause I can't go  
I owe my soul to the company store

2. Work can hinder you from spiritual growth.

3. A lot could be said about why we feel the need to work so much.  
Gain more \$, Pay for Things, debt that we are drowning in.

4. Ecc. 5:10-11 He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver;  
Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity.  
When goods increase, they increase who eat them; So what profit  
have the owners Except to see them with their eyes?

5. Cal Thomas in the CJ 2/26/08 Some of the lust for bigger and  
better is human nature, but a lot is the result of consumerism. The  
Timex watch is no longer enough. We now must have a Rolex, though  
both accurately tell time. The adequate low-end automobile is  
insufficient. We must trade up to a luxury car with numbers and  
letters on the rear that mean nothing, but convey "status." And the  
house we are living in, which would have been more than adequate  
for our parents and certainly our grandparents, must be upgraded to  
larger digs in order to impress, if not growing families, than enlarged  
egos. When none of this brings the promised happiness and  
fulfillment, we turn to drink, or pills, or counselors, or divorce court  
and seek significance in new things and relationships on what quickly  
becomes a personal boulevard of broken dreams.

#### C. Our social life

1. Aid or hinder spiritual development

2. Hinder worship assemblies – Hinder association with Christians

#### D. Our family life

1. Too much going on

2. Too much fighting, bickering – Too angry to be holy Matt. 5:21-25 You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

## **II. Learn the admonition of this song**

### **A. Speak oft with thy Lord**

1. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 – Pray without ceasing
2. Matthew 21:22 – Whatsoever you ask, believing, ye shall receive
3. Take time – Prayer is not just a quick sentence on the way to work, again it takes time.

### **B. Abide in Him always, and feed on His word**

1. Too many Christians do not have time for daily reading of the Bible

John 15:1-8 – "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and

they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. Abide in the vine,

James 4:8 – Draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to you

C. Make friends of God's children; Help those who are weak

1. Love one another John 15:12-13 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
2. Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.
3. James 5:19-20 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

D. Forgetting in notion His blessings to seek

1. We must seek the blessings of God – all that we do
2. Worship – Give – God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.
3. All spiritual blessing in Christ Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

**Conclusion:**

1. I know that many of you are really taking time to be holy.
2. Are you? Are you taking the time (making the investment) required to be holy?
3. No quick fix – It will take time!