**Making Time for Spiritual Matters**

In today’s world it seems there is no time for the things we need to get done. We plan our calendar’s full of various things we must do and places we need to go. How much of our time is planned for spiritual matters? Do we even plan time for spiritual things like prayer, reading and studying our Bibles, or going to church services?

I would say for the vast majority of the world spiritual matters get taken care of when we have time leftover, and that is hardly ever. For most, their spiritual lives are non-existent. They believe there are too many other important matters to take care of. In Matthew 16:26 Christ says, *“For what profit is it to a man if he gain the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”*  There is nothing we could obtain in this world that is worth more than our souls. Someone wrote:

I knelt to pray, but not for long,

I had too much to do.

I had to hurry and get to work

For bills would soon be due.

So I knelt and said a hurried prayer,

And jumped up off my knees.

My Christian duty was now done

My soul could rest at ease.

All day long I had no time

To spread a word of cheer.

No time to speak of Christ to friends,

They'd laugh at me I'd fear.

No time, no time, too much to do,

That was my constant cry,

No time to give to souls in need

But at last the time, the time to die.

I went before the Lord,

I came, I stood with downcast eyes.

For in his hands God held a book;

It was the book of life.

God looked into his book and said

"Your name I cannot find.

I once was going to write it down...

But never found the time"

I wonder sometimes why people think they can give God their leftovers. They try to give God leftover time, money and many other things they just happen to come by or have leftover. Why do we think God will accept any of these things? God expects us to put Him first in all things. In Matthew 6:33 Christ says, *“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all things shall be added unto you.”*

If we simply take the time to put God first He will give us everything we truly need. Once again in Matthew 21:22 Christ says, *“Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”* If we take the time to pray, study our Bibles, and truly worship our God in an acceptable way He will provide all things.