

Common Enemy #11: Hurry
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Introduction

Have you ever stood in front of the microwave and nervously paced or even called out, "Come on, let's go, what's taking so long?!" When approaching a stoplight with two lanes of traffic, do you try to determine which one will get you away faster? Do you perform a quick analysis every time you go through the grocery checkout?

If we are really honest with ourselves, most of us have to admit that hurry is a disease that has infected us to the very core of our being. However, in Mark 6:30-34, we are reminded that Jesus was very often busy, but he was never in a hurry.

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. ³¹Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat. ³²So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone. ³³But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them. ³⁴Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. (Mark 6:30-34 NLT)

Jesus' life and ministry were guided by several principles that, if adopted, will enable us to defeat the enemy of hurry.

Digging Deeper

1. Being in a rush certainly contributes to a lot of careless errors. Describe a time when hurry caused you to make careless errors.
2. One way to overcome hurry is by recognizing the priority of persons over things and activities. How did Jesus put his relationships first over activities and things?
3. Think about the times in your life when you have been in a hurry (either recently or in the past). Can you identify missed chances to make a difference in people's lives?
4. Realizing the need to be driven by a sense of mission is another way to overcome hurry. Read Luke 19:10 and Mark 10:45. What was Jesus's mission while on earth?
5. If you have a mission for your life, describe/state it.
6. Read Mark 1:35 and 6:31, 46. What did Jesus do in order to get his agenda from the Lord?
7. What are some steps you can take to slow down and combat the enemy of hurry?

Conclusion

If you do not have a mission for your life, create one. Here are a few guidelines:

- What do you want to be known for?
- What is your motivation?
- How are you going to accomplish your objective?