

From Our Father's Heart
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Beware of the distractions that are formed
to hinder a work I have called you to do.
They will come from many directions
with many seemingly urgent needs.
You need to discern what is important for you to do.
You need to understand who is being used by the enemy
to consume your time.
Turn them over to me until they repent.
Separate the urgent from the truly important
or you will never accomplish what I have called you to do.
Anything that robs you of your time with Me is not of Me.
Anything that attacks you when you are weary is not My doing.
I will always send you to a refreshing time with Me,
so that you can continue with those things I call important.
Always make Our time together your priority.
From My presence, move with power.

Matt. 14:22-23a NIV Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

23) After he had dismissed them, he went up into the hills by himself to pray.

Mark 6:30-32 NIV The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught.

31) Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

32) So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

John 7:6-8 NIV Therefore Jesus told them, "The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right.

7) The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that what it does is evil.

8) You go to the Feast. I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come."

Have you ever noticed that those who choose not to submit themselves fully to the Lord are often used to distract you with their needs when you are involved with doing what God has called you to do? Sometimes the urgency of their request makes it seem as if everything should be dropped to do whatever is necessary to physically meet their need. However, sometimes the answer is to stand back and pray for them and continue on with what you're doing, letting God Himself intervene in their lives.

Christians in leadership must learn to separate the seemingly urgent from what is really important. There are many pastors who have been burned out by the all consuming needs of their flock. It would not be very surprising to learn that the ones who were used to weary the pastor went on to do the same thing at another time and place, if they did not repent and turn to God.

Teach me to discern between the urgent and what is important to You, Lord – Jim Corbett