

You Don't Have Time for God?

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It is very easy for busy people to neglect their spiritual lives, and many do. But the question remains, is that wise? If the God of the Bible exists, and the evidence indicates that He does, then logically, what the Bible teaches would deserve our undivided attention.

But even while acknowledging that, some will say: "I just don't have the interest." Well, I am not very interested in the intricacies of the real estate business. But when I buy a house, I am all over the details and what they mean. And that is because there is a lot at stake. A bad decision could have profound and long-lasting effects.

When investing a large amount of money, investors generally research the companies they will be giving their money to. When a child needs an operation for a rare condition, responsible parents will go to great lengths to be sure they find the best surgeon. All of this is logical and to be expected. So why would the prospect of death or financial ruin get our attention, but not the possibility of eternal misery?

I believe it is because God's judgement does not seem imminent. Why do people who love roller coasters not jump off buildings to get the same thrill for free? It is not because they will die. It is because they will die immediately. Alcoholics and drug addicts know that abusing their favorite substances will often lead to death. But those deaths are not usually immediate. And so, they indulge and begin the trek toward bad health and early death. They focus on the moment, and care nothing of the future. In like manner, those who put God on the backburner focus on the moment, and care nothing of the future.

The wise person considers his future. People die unexpectedly all the time. If you are not ready when the time comes, there are no do overs. If you have not decided for God, you have decided against Him. There is no middle ground (Revelation 3:16).

Perhaps you can understand your need for God, but you do not feel compelled to practice the faith. All is not lost. Understanding your need for God is step one. Seeking God's help is step two. In Hebrews 4:16 we read: "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." God's grace can enable you to be the person He wants you to be (Philippians 4:13). But you must ask for it, and be open to it.

As a young man, Saint Augustine led what would be considered a very sinful life. And yet, he became one of the Church's greatest saints. And the change in his life was due to prayer and the grace of God. The same grace which is available to **anyone** who asks for it.