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## TURN A CORNER!

*Are you putting enough eternity into your time?*

Are you too busy to pray or to read your Bible regularly? Does everything and everyone else have first dibs on your life – ahead of God?

Henri Nouwen, in his book *Making All Things New*, says this:

“Our lives often seem like overpacked suitcases bursting at the seams. In fact, we are almost always aware of being behind schedule. There is a nagging sense that there are unfinished tasks, unfulfilled promises, unrealized proposals. There is always something else that we should have remembered, done, or said. There are always people we did not speak to, write to, or visit. Thus, although we are very busy, we also have a lingering feeling of never fulfilling our obligations.

“The strange thing, however, is that... being busy has become a status symbol....”

So we join the pack of all those who are busy, nervous, incomplete.

And yet God’s principle never changes: “*Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness*, and all these things [all needed resources – time, money, energy, etc.] will be given you as well” (Mt. 6:33). Resources are His gifts. If we refuse to trust Him by giving Him His portion first, then He’ll withhold from us and we’ll feel the tightness of short supply.

David had much to do: run his kingdom, lead his armies, manage all his wives and kids, practice his harp, write all those psalms... but David “went in and *sat before the Lord*” (2 Sa. 7:18). Wrote Solomon, one of his sons, “The wise heart will know the proper time and procedure. For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter” (Ecc. 8:5,6) – in your life, as well.

Hosea calls to you, “It is time to seek the Lord” (10:12). *By faith schedule that first. You’ll have turned a corner.*