

## Are You Full Time For God?

“And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”, Mark 8:34–37.

How many people do you talk to each day? For me, much of my ‘talking’ is done through the eighty to ninety emails I send to people personally. Add phone calls, and face to face communication, and the total will probably go above one hundred each day.

The major question is “How often do I talk to the ‘BOSS’ each day?” A good workman will always check back with the boss, generally many times a day.

The Lord will speak to me often during the day. Sometimes I hear the Lord, and make a mental note to do this or that later. Sometimes I will make a mental note to get back to the Lord later, and clarify what He said. Sometimes, I’m just ‘too busy’ to stop what I am doing, and listen.

On a smaller number of occasions, I listen, talk to the Lord about what needs doing, AND THEN DO IT.

That, folks, is not ‘FULL TIME FOR GOD’. The minute I make any of the mental notes above, I am ‘part-timing’.

God will never ask me to do anything if I am not already doing something for Him.

He made this manifestly clear to me on recent morning. My wife and daughter were going to Brisbane for the day, and I really did not want to make a three-hour road trip each way, though the previous day the Lord had shown me four families I would be ministering to while they went shopping.

Family number one, and I was able to minister to them, and a visitor there at the time.

Family number two would not open their door to me. I have since found out that this is their normal behaviour to all visitors.

Family number three, and I was able to talk a little to them, but the

telephone has been used since then, and the ministry has not stopped yet.

Family number four, I was able to talk just a little, but the Lord also showed me a visitor they had needed ministry, and again we are continuing that through prayer and phone communication.

We listen to those around us, but we do not always listen and give 'Full Time For God', although He is spiritually around us twenty-four hours a day.

We, in a fashion, take messages, but we do not always follow-up on them.

I did not want to go, and God gave me a second call. I ministered as I could. My daughter ministered to me on the way home, when, because of severe pain, she took over the driving, and got all three of us home safely.

I think that maybe God was thinking of me when He, by the Spirit, led Paul to write, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me", Philippians 4:13.

That is when, and only then, that we become "Full Time For God"