

## Are You Available?

**"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me." Isaiah 6:8**

From the jobs to the practices to the meetings to family responsibilities, have you become too busy for the Lord? At a time when technology has given us many conveniences and more leisure time, it seems that our society (many Christians included) has less time for God. In this day and age, when the Lord calls many of us, He is getting a busy signal or, worse, He is receives this message, "*The person you have reached is unavailable...*" Nevertheless, if you want to experience the true presence and power of the Lord and see Him work in and through you to accomplish His will, you have got to make yourself available unto Him.

Where are you when the Lord needs someone beyond Sunday...when He calls you to attend Bible Class or needs a Christian to visit the sick? Can He count on you to be available when He needs one of His children to go and take the gospel to a lost soul so that he or she can be saved? What if the Lord needed someone to open their home to show hospitality to a friend or stranger? Is your home available for Him to use? When we truly make ourselves available to God, it means, not only are we available to do His will, everything we possess is available to Him to use for His will and glory.

What is keeping so many Christians from being available when the Lord calls? Could it be that many of us have become like the man who received seed (the word) among the thorns in Matthew 13:22, and the cares of this world and deception of wealth has choked the word and made us unproductive for the King and the kingdom? Have we become like Martha and allowed the distractions of "busy-ness" to keep us from what is most important thing?

To make ourselves available for the Lord and his work, we need to re-assess and re-configure our priorities. Do you love God? If yes, the level of your love will be shown partly through the level of your availability and commitment. Take heed to the words of Christ in Matthew 6:24,22; Luke 9:23-24; and so many other texts. The extent to which you are available to God affects your spiritual growth, service and fellowship with the Lord and his church. It also impacts the progress of God's will. Maybe it's time to make some changes in your life and schedule. If the Lord calls you, I hope He doesn't hear a busy signal.