



## Too Busy Not to Celebrate!

How exactly does it happen? How is it that one that was so regular in worship makes the transition to regularly missing worship? Could it happen to me?

You are a busy person after all. If you are like me, you are constantly racing the clock. You're not doing anything wrong per se. You are volunteering. Perhaps you are a student and you are studying. You have meetings to attend. You are the shuttle service for your kids who have to be at one tournament after the next. You wouldn't want your kids to miss out when opportunity comes a knockin'. And besides, the games are scheduled over the weekends. There is nothing you can do about that.

You are going full bore because you want to be all you can be *for God and for neighbor!* It isn't long, however that this busyness becomes burdensome. Too many demands...not enough time...make you tired. Soon bitterness sets in. And then come the guilty feelings. I have talked to my share of friends and acquaintances (all busy people) that feel like they are burnt out when it comes to their faith. It is just so easy to major in the minors and lose sight of that which is truly important.

The gift of God's grace that comes through Jesus can be viewed as just another intrusion in an already full schedule. Despite our busyness, He has graciously given us another Advent Season. A time to major in the majors so that we do not miss what His nativity is all about. He comes so unassuming that He is easy to write off the pages of our calendars and our "to-do lists." Even though we have a tendency to squeeze Him out of our lives, He makes us the center of His.

If you feel you have backslid in your faith...too busy to celebrate His grace, now is the time to recommit your lives to Him. No questions asked. If you haven't been regular in worship and in your prayers, see the difference regular attendance and prayer makes in your lives. It is amazing when we keep Him front and center in our lives how we are freed from letting our schedules control us and the things of this world from becoming idols that demand all our time and attention and energy. The Babe born in Bethlehem came to free us from all that.

See you at the manger,  
*Pastor Szczesny*