Pastor's Weekly Devotional- July 30, 2015

"Too Busy"

There is an old Jewish story that says that when the Israelites fled Egypt, they followed each other so closely, so diligently that they never noticed the miracle happening around them. The waters of the Red Sea parted before them in a spectacular way, but they were so caught up with following each other and the urgency of the moment that they failed to notice God's bigger drama unfolding within and before them.

Life can be like that. We get so busy competing with the Jones' and trying to outdo someone else that we fail to notice how God is working <u>in</u> us and through us now. Here are some things to consider:

- When you wake up in the morning, are you thankful for the gift of life or do you grumble that it is another "humdrum" Day?
- When you are at work, despite having a mean boss or an unpleasant atmosphere, have you ever thought that you can work for a living that you are not incapacitated?
- God has given each of us168 hrs. each week. Have you ever considered the time used for eating, reading, watching TV, on Facebook, talking on the phone, etc.? What about coming to church? How do you think the Christians in the Middle East facing ISIS each day would answer these questions? Stop and think for a moment...Be your own judge! Then ask yourself: "Why am I complaining? I have the freedom of using my time each week while others around the world do not!"

Have a blessed week! Pastor Sewdin