



The Bible doesn't say it but I am sure the innkeeper of Bethlehem who turned Joseph and Mary away could easily have said the following; "I missed it. What an opportunity I had in my little home town of Bethlehem. The Son of God was right there in front of me and I missed it. But I am sure God understands how busy I was".

At the time of Jesus's birth Bethlehem was packed with visitors coming to register in the Roman Census. The first Christmas in Bethlehem was a busy time and Christmas now a day is also a busy time; parties, gifts, church services, and cooking for families and friends. I believe one of the obstacles to having a joy filled, God glorifying Christmas is "busyness". And it is good "busyness", doing good things. But good sometimes can be the enemy of the best.

Praises

We praise God for giving us a school bus last week.

I would encourage you this year to not allow Christmas "busyness" to hinder you from two important things. First of all, your personal devotional time, praying and seeking the Lord.

There was a woman in the Bible named Martha who was busy doing a good thing, preparing a meal for Jesus and His disciples. But she was so busy that she missed the same opportunity as her sister, Mary. Mary sat at

Jesus's feet and drank in the Word of God and the presence of God. On the other hand, Martha was so "busy" preparing a meal for Jesus that she missed the most important thing, Jesus' Presence. There is a saying which is true: "If you are too busy to pray you are too busy." Don't let that happen to you this Christmas.

Also, don't permit the "busyness" of Christmas to keep you from seeing the needs around you. Joseph and Mary went to the innkeeper (the Son of God was about to be born) and the innkeeper was too "busy" in moneymaking that he did not have room for the Son of God to be born in a nice warm room. Rather He was born in a manger.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for both of the destitute adolescent girls of Chihuahua.

Don't let the "busyness" of this Christmas season rob you of the most important blessings of helping others like it robbed the innkeeper. Have you ever thought of the elderly, the homeless, and the most needy.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*



Thank you for making it possible in 2017 for us to accept more children into our homes, especially young teenage girls in deep emotional problems. Through your generosity we are able to reach them. Seeing lives change is the greatest gift that you can give JESUS.

We and our great family wish you the most blessed Christmas. Our prayer for you and your family is that 2018 draws you closer to the Son of God.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

With love
Ed and Rosa Salo

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