



## BUSYNESS and LAZINESS

Characters: Narrator  
Busy Brenda  
Giant (standing on a small stool to appear as a giant)  
Helpful Holly

Props: Phones

Theme: Confronting the giants of Busyness and Laziness

### SCRIPT

**Narrator:** Modern life runs at a fast pace. All of our labor-saving devices created to save time have just given us hours to fill with other forms of busyness. And busyness is stressful, often leaving no time for what is truly important. Isaiah 30:15 says that "in quietness and confidence is your strength."

**Busy Brenda:** My brain is spinning - I have so much to do. I'm afraid I'm going to forget something important. I think it would help me get organized if I just wrote down everything onto a list. Then when I get things done, I could systematically cross them off my list.

**Giant:** Good idea....

**Busy Brenda:** Let's see. I need to get my car inspection (*starts writing list*), pay the boy next door for mowing the lawn, call the dermatologist and make an appt. for my husband, clean the pool, cut the bushes around the pool, ...

**Giant:** Don't you have some meetings?

**Busy Brenda:** Oh, yes. I need to prepare a report for the Homeowner's Association meeting, a teacher's meeting is coming up, Keri wants me to go with her to her support group meeting, my car needs to have its oil changed, I need to make a bulletin board for my class, and oh, yes--my shoe heel broke on my favorite shoes. I'll need to make a trip to the shoe repair....

**Giant:** While you are there at the mall, don't you need a mani-pedi? You could pick up a wedding gift for your cousin--oh, and don't you need a new dress for the wedding?

**Busy Brenda:** How does anyone every say they enjoy free time? What is free time? I am always busy; it never seems like I have a free moment.



**Giant:** Better get some of these things on the calendar..

**Busy Brenda:** Oh, I couldn't get through life without my iPhone reminders. (*looking at phone*) I don't know when I am going to have any extra time for the next few weeks. Let's see...I have snacks to prepare for the soccer team every Tuesday, and I need to pick up bottled water at Sam's. I have a vet appointment on Thursday and then that dog needs to get to the groomer's. I have to walk the dog every day, and I need to make it to the gym at least three times a week. Oh my goodness--my mammogram is due next week. How am I going to fit it all in?

**Giant:** Your calendar is booked solid. You must be a pretty important person since you have so many important things to do. A full schedule is a virtue--so you must be quite a virtuous woman!

**Busy Brenda:** I wonder if this kind of chaotic life is what God's plan is for me?

**Giant:** You do need a break. You need time to relax. It's lucky there is afternoon TV for people like you. You can work on your list while you are watching "As the World Turns." Input everything into your calendar, and then divide the list into what needs to be done each day. Divide and conquer!

**Busy Brenda:** If I sit too long, I'm afraid I will fall asleep!

**Giant:** You deserve some down time, you know.

(*phone rings*)

**Busy Brenda:** Hello?

**Helpful Holly:** Brenda, this is Holly. How are you?

**Busy Brenda:** I'm just busy--as normal.

**Helpful Holly:** What are you doing?

**Busy Brenda:** Well, actually, I was just going to sit down and watch some mindless TV and try to slow down.

**Helpful Holly:** Really? That seems like a time-waster, if you're as busy as you say you are.

**Busy Brenda:** Well, I think I've earned a little time to be lazy.



**Helpful Holly:** Well, I called to let you know that Bible study is starting up in a few weeks. You can register soon. It is on Monday nights or Tuesday mornings. What is best for you? I am hoping that you can come with me.

**Giant:** (*nodding emphatic "no"*) (*whispering...*) You're way too busy! How can you fit another activity into you busy week?

**Busy Brenda:** I know you caught me taking some down time, but I even feel guilty when I relax because I know I should be busy.

**Helpful Holly:** Brenda, you remind me of Martha in the Bible. She was worried and troubled with much serving. She was distracted by her busyness, and missed spending time with Jesus and sitting at His feet, hearing His Word.

**Giant:** Martha should have been praised. She was getting things done!

**Busy Brenda:** I would have to rearrange my life to fit in Bible study...

**Helpful Holly:** It is only an hour and a half out of your day.

**Giant:** That would blow the whole day! You wouldn't get anything done. And when would you do your homework? If you did it in the evening, you'd miss your favorite shows!

**Busy Brenda:** I don't know....

**Helpful Holly:** Why don't you give it a try, Brenda? I think God will bless you for the time you give to Him. And maybe all those other things will just fall into place.

**Narrator:** Matthew 6:33 says "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Busyness....laziness--what we choose to do with our time should glorify God. Seeking the kingdom is never wasted time. Give God His time and let Him order your day.