

# THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING BUSY AND BEING PRODUCTIVE

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(Exodus 1:11-14)

Being busy is **NOT** the same thing as being productive!

- Being busy keeps you **ENGAGED**.
- Being productive keeps you **FRUITFUL**.
- Being busy keeps you **OCCUPIED**.
- Being productive enables you to **MULTIPLY**.
- Being busy creates **MOVEMENT**.
- Being productive creates **ACCELERATION**.

Many people confuse busyness with being productive.

These attributes resemble the same movements.

However, they do not **NOT** produce the same results.

When you understand the difference between busyness and productivity you will be able to manage your life better. If you are wondering why things have not gotten

better for you it's probably because you've been busy, not productive.

**WHEN YOU ARE FOCUSED ON BEING BUSY YOU  
WILL NEVER BE PRODUCTIVE!**

**BUSYNESS IS A DISTRACTION**

(Exodus 1:11-14)

In this passage of scripture the Egyptians made life hard for the Israelites because they were afraid of their potential. The Egyptians created a strategy to **BLIND** the Israelites to their potential. The Egyptians strategy was simple.

They planned to keep them **BUSY** in an attempt to **DISTRACT** them from being productive. The Egyptians knew that if the Israelites had the opportunity to **THINK, ANALYZE, ORGANIZE AND STRATEGIZE** they would think about empowering themselves instead of remaining slaves to Pharaoh.

## WISDOM NOTE:

**HAVING TIME TO THINK WILL INCREASE YOUR PRODUCTIVITY!** (Busy people do not have time to think because they are always moving.)

The Egyptians kept the Israelites **BUSY**, building the cities of Pithom and Rameses for the King. This strategy distracted them from focusing on how to get out of slavery.

**THE EGYPTIANS PUT MORE WORK ON THEM SO THEY COULD NOT WORK ON THEMSELVES.** They inundated the Israelites with hard work so they would be too tired to do anything for themselves.

**WHEN YOU ARE BUSY BEING BUSY YOU WILL ROB YOURSELF OF BEING FRUITFUL!**

It is impossible for a busy person to prepare for their future. Busy people are only concerned with what is in

front of them while **PRODUCTIVE** people focus on what is **AHEAD OF THEM**. Here's what I mean.

If you are busy sweeping the driveway you will never have time to build the house. If you are busy sorting through paperwork you will never have time to build the business.

If you are busy managing the events at the church you will never have time to improve the ministry. The Egyptians **STOLE** the Israelites future by keeping them busy on what was currently happening while **PREVENTING** them from focusing on what was ahead.

**THE ENEMY STEALS YOUR LIFE BY STEALING  
YOUR VISION!**

**PRODUCTIVITY IS GOD'S PLAN**

(Genesis 2:1-3 )

Productive people are forward thinking people because they produce fruit. You cannot produce fruit until you

plant a seed and you will not plant a seed if you are not thinking ahead. **PRODUCTIVE PEOPLE WORK IN THE MOMENT SO THEY CAN REST IN THE FUTURE.**

Productive people sacrifice temporary pleasure so they can enjoy eternal joy. When you are thinking about productivity, you must think about **SEED, TIME AND HARVEST**. Productive people plant seeds.

In other words, they work toward something with the intention to **BUILD** something from their seed. Productive people nurture and cultivate their seed so that it can grow and mature into a harvest.

For example, a productive person will **INCREASE** in their education. They will **MAXIMIZE** their opportunities. They will **MULTIPLY** in numbers. They will utilize their time wisely so they can benefit from a harvest.

That is the primary difference between busy people and productive people. **BUSY PEOPLE DO NOT POSITION**

**THEMSELVES TO ENJOY A HARVEST, WHILE  
PRODUCTIVE PEOPLE DO.**

**BUSY PEOPLE PLAN TO WORK. PRODUCTIVE  
PEOPLE PLAN FOR A HARVEST.**

When God made the earth He was **NOT** busy, He was productive. Why? Because God did not plan to work, He planned for a harvest. God created the earth in six days and on the seventh day He **RESTED**.

The reason why God was able to rest and enjoy His harvest was because He was **PRODUCTIVE**, not busy. God accomplished a lot because He understood the difference between busyness and productivity. Here are four signs that will help you to identify when you are busy, **NOT** productive.

- When you are busy you will **NOT** be able to rest after your work. God rested on the seventh day.

- When you are busy you will **NOT** be able to enjoy the harvest of satisfaction and pleasure. God was pleased with His creation.
- When you are busy you will **NEVER** be able to finish your task. Busy people never see a finish line. Productive people see a finish line. God knew when His work was finished!
- If you are not reaping a harvest from your work you are **NOT** productive, you are busy. The Israelites did not reap a harvest when they were slaves in Egypt.

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