# The Tyranny of the Urgent

- Living Every Day in the Light of Eternity -



Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017





"Your greatest danger is letting the urgent tasks crowd out those that are important."

An "experienced cotton mill manager" speaking to Charles Hummel, 1967





# Brandi Tubbs (22) feeling overwhelmed.

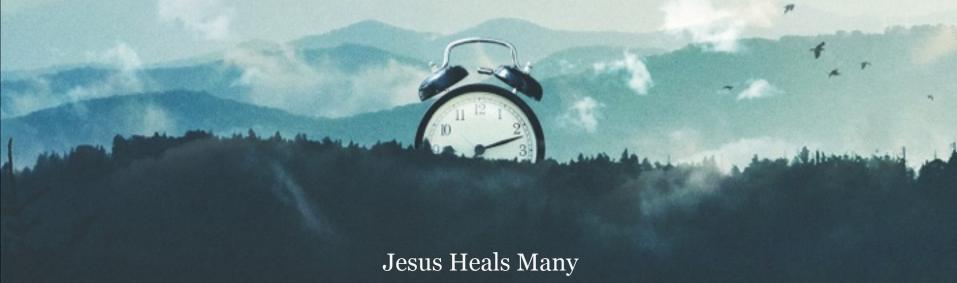
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Work, school, gym, kids football practice, spirit night, study for exams, career day, doctors appointments, bills, and the list goes on and on. Being pulled in 19463864 different directions



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29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. 30 Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. 31 So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. 32 That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. 33 The whole town gathered at the door, 34 and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

### Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place

**35** Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. **36** Simon and his companions went to look for him, **37** and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" **38** Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." **39** So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.





4. Inspired by Hummel, Covey and the Merrills created a time grid, labeled each of the resulting quadrants 1-4, and assigned a descriptive title to each one. They have also conducted research and determined the percentage of time spent in each category by typical organizations and individuals:

	Urgent	Not Urgent
Important		
	Crisis: 25-30%	Quality: 15%
Not Important		
	Deception: 50-60%	Waste: 2-3%

5. Why do you think quadrant three is titled the quadrant of deception; conversely, why do you think quadrant two is labeled the quadrant of quality?



What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with *getting*, so you can respond to God's *giving*. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. Msg.





33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matt. 6:33-34



## Q:: How do you do it?

- 1. God, Family, Work
- 2. Relationship Over Religion
- 3. Humor (Ability to laugh at self)
- 4. Perspective
- 5. Expectancy Over Expectation
- 6. Tension (there will always be)





### **Brandi Tubbs**



Feeling Blessed Sunday, April 30, 2017, 9 or 10:30 a.m.

From Pastor Mike's Life-Changing Message:

- 1. Take time to reflect & pray over what is important
- 2. Consider what "urgent" matters may rear their head (use the quadrant as a tool)
- 3.Let my no be a no
- 4.Plan your day, week, month and year in advance taking into account white space
- 5. Continue to debrief and evaluat (indiv, as a family, company).
- 6. Seek to Honor & Glorify God in all things seeking His perspective with expectancy over expectation.

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