



QUOTES FROM "AN UNHURRIED LIFE"

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- "Hurry is not just a disordered schedule. Hurry is a disordered heart."
- "I feel hurried inside even when nothing actually urgent is on my schedule. Hurry has become a habit: I find myself stuck in emergency mode."
- "I realize that an unhurried life is not a lazy life. In fact, it can be the exact opposite. Jesus was unhurried, but he was not lazy. He was engaged, hardworking, purposeful, and conscientious."
- "I'm aware that God's great commandment to us isn't 'Get more things done,' but to love him with the whole of our energies, capacities, and passions to extend that love to others. And love isn't rushed."
- "God is never in a hurry."
- "Being unhurried does not mean being unresponsive to divine nudges. Being unhurried enables us to notice those nudges and to respond."
- "I don't think I'll find my deepest joy in the number of people who liked something I said or did. I'm coming to believe that my greatest joy will be being part of an extended community of men and women with whom I've shared a journey with Jesus, living out his life in our families, our neighborhoods, our workplaces and schools, and the church communities where God has planted us."
- "Despite Jesus' example, I find it a continual temptation to do things that will get a lot of people excited about what I'm doing—and get them excited now!"
- "Do our conversations about ministry revolve around growing numbers of participants, successful programs, or other easily measured outcomes? Or do we tell stories about particular people who are responding to Jesus, stories of seeds of gospel truth sown in people's hearts that will grow into the fruit of Christlikeness?"
- Told to John Ortberg during a transition in his ministry life: "You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life."

