

MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Bible teaches that we should mind our own business (2 Thes. 3:6, 11-12; 1 Tim. 5:11-13; 1 Pet. 4:15-16; Lev. 19:6; Prov. 11:13; 18:8; 20:19; 26:20-22).
2. However, the Bible also teaches that we must not mind our own business! (Phil. 2:1-4)
3. In fact, if we mind our own business, there are some things that we cannot do...

I. SUPPORT THE CHURCH

- A. Fellowship depends upon our knowing one another.
 1. Our needs (Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-35).
 2. Our weaknesses (Romans 15:1; 1 Corinthians 8:11-13).
 3. Our talents (1 Corinthians 12:22-26).
 4. Our joys and sorrows (Romans 12:15).
- B. We must know one another to support one another.

II. SAVE THE LOST

- A. Evangelism depends upon our knowing our neighbors.
 1. Knowing their condition (Romans 3:23; 6:23; 2 Peter 2:20-22).
 2. Knowing their need (Mark 2:17; Luke 10:38-42).
 3. Knowing their situation (John 4).
- B. The religious world tells us, "Mind your own business!"
 1. "Don't judge me." (Cf. Matthew 7:1-5)
 2. "We're all going to the same place anyway."
 3. "One church is as good as another."
- C. Some may become angry, but we dare not mind our own business.

III. STOP THE ENEMY

- A. Faithfulness depends upon our knowing our enemy.
 1. Satan is deceitful (Ephesians 6:10-13; 2 Corinthians 11:3, 13-15).
 2. Satan is dangerous (1 Peter 5:8).
 3. Satan is deadly (John 8:44).
- B. The world tells us, "Mind your own business!"
 1. Homosexuality is a valid, alternate lifestyle.
 2. Abortion is a woman's choice.
 3. Divorce and remarriage is my decision.
 4. Immodest dress is none of your concern.
 5. Alcohol and drugs are my business.
- C. To win the war of morality, we must not mind our own business.

CONCLUSION:

1. This lesson is summed up in one verse – Luke 10:27.
2. We must not be gossipers, busybodies, or talebearers.
3. However, when it concerns sin and salvation, we must not be content to mind our own business!