

Too busy to do the Lord's Work

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Introduction

1. Text 1 Kings 20:35-43
 - a. Benhadad was the king of Syria, Ahab was king of Israel
 - b. Benhadad had 32 kings all their horses and chariots to fight with him, Ahab had 7,232 to fight for him
 - c. Ahab would defeat Benhadad 2 times, the third time Benhadad surrendered.
2. In the parable the prophet used is said that he had gotten busy here and there and the enemy had escaped.
3. Romans 15:4 what can we learn from this passage?

II Discussion

1. Jesus was about the Father's business
 - a. Luke 2:49 father's business
 - b. John 4:34 meat is to do the will of him that sent me
 - c. John 6:38 to do the will of him that sent me
 - d. John 9:4 work the works of him that sent me
2. That business was to save the world.
 - a. John 3:17
 - b. Luke 19:10
 - c. 1 Timothy 2:4
 - d. 1 Timothy 1:15
 - e. We are to follow His example 1 Peter 2:21 to do the Father's will
3. Are we about the Father's business
 - a. How many are? James 4:17
 - b. Jesus cursed the fig tree for it bore no fruit Mark 11:12-14
 - c. Sardis had the reputation for being active, but God said it was dead. Revelation 3:1-3
 - d. John 15:1-8 We are to bear fruit
 - i. One is fruit of the spirit Galatians 5:22-23
 - ii. Two is bring the lost to salvation.
 - e. Our religion is not to be passive but active Luke 10:37 go and do
 - f. Three parables of Matthew 25
 - i. Preparedness
 - ii. Diligence
 - iii. Using our resources and talents the Master has given us.
 - g. He knows our works too. Revelation 3:15-16
4. Are we too busy?
 - a. Care and deceitfulness of riches get in the way? Matthew 13:22
 - b. The pleasures of life get in the way Luke 8:14
 - c. Will we hear depart from me Matthew 25:41
 - d. How shall we escape if we neglect this salvation Hebrews 2:3
5. Yet we know that we should be about the Father's business
 - a. Matthew 28:19-20 Mark 16:15-16 This is the father's business

- b. But if we look at some, the Father has gone out of business!
 - i. 1/100th of 1% of the world's population have embraced the truth.
 - c. Has the Father's business changed? 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; 1 Timothy 3:4
 - d. No it is still the same.
 - e. Are our opportunities fewer? John 4:35
 - f. Are our talents fewer? James 4:17
6. Then why are we not telling others of the saving grace of God?
- a. Members of the church are not convinced that people who have not obeyed the Gospel and who are not serving Christ faithfully are lost.
 - i. Ephesians 4:4-5 there is just one
 - ii. Matthew 15:9 we can worship God incorrectly John 4:24
 - iii. John 8:32 we must know it and adhere to it. 2 John 9-11
 - b. What is the purpose and mission of the church?
 - i. We pay the preacher to do that! Is this the clergy, only the preacher knows the Bible well enough to teach others?
 - ii. The church was scattered and the church taught other. Acts 8:4
 - c. We are busy here and there
 - i. How much do you spend on Little League, YMCA, Lion's club Rotary Club, or Chamber of Commerce banquet, pro-am golf tournament on and on we could go.
 - ii. How little time energy effort and money are we willing to spend on the Father's business?
 - d. We are rationalizing, inventing and conceiving every excuse for not doing the Lord's business.
 - i. I can't attend, I can't participate, I can't be involved, I can't teach, I can't visit, I can't work because company is coming, I have a headache; the weather is bad, the kids have baseball, basketball, football. I can't because of this or that banquet
 - ii. Luke 14:16-18 they began to make excuses
 - iii. Luke 14:24 None shall taste of my supper

III Conclusion

- 1. The direction of our lives now will determine where we will be in eternity!
- 2. Who is first?
 - a. Matthew 22:37-38
 - b. Matthew 6:33
 - c. Philippians 3:7-9
- 3. Let us resolve to be about our Father's business and not be busy here and there and lose the blessings from doing what God has said. Matthew 25:21

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