



“His Business”
Romans 12:11
Romans 12: Devoted to Service

Romans 12:11 “not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;”

Introduction

Older versions say, “not slothful in business” (KJV)

Business - an activity that someone is engaged in. (i.e., "what is your business here?")

Christians’ business should be pressing into the Kingdom!

I. Diligent Business (The What)

“not lagging behind in diligence...”

- Not lagging - *okneros*: idle, lazy; Diligence (v.8) - *spoude*: quickly, eagerness, haste.
- In other words, be pragmatic. We all have something to do.
- Laziness is not the same as efficiency.
 - Greatest generation
- Do Work! (1 Cor. 15:58)

II. Fervent Business (The How)

“fervent in spirit...”

- Fervent – *zeo*: enthusiastic, excited, boil; John Piper’s: Boiling for Christ. Don’t just do a lot, feel a lot.
- Not half-hearted or lukewarm. (Rev. 3:15)
 - The cost of discipleship (Matt. 10:47; Luke 14:25)
 - Not part-time (Clark Kent or Superman)
- Apollos...eloquent...competent in the Scriptures...fervent in spirit (Acts 18:24-25)

III. Servant Business (The Why)

“...serving the Lord;”

- Serving = *douleuo* - serve, be a slave
 - Serving vs. Slaving
 - Col. 3:22-25

- Serving the Lord ought to be the highest privilege in the world. (Acts 20:19)

“Serving the Lord means experiencing His worth and beauty and fellowship as more compelling and more desirable than what the appetites offer.” - John Piper

- a. Not Money Business (Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13)
- b. Not Fleshly Business (Colossians 3:4-7)
- c. Not Worldly Business (1 John 2:15-16)

Let us be a people about His business!

Discussion Questions and Action Items:

1. What stood out to you the most about today's message?
2. Have you ever found yourself lagging when it comes to God's business?
3. Read Acts 18:24-28
4. Think of someone you know who is fervent (boiling) in spirit? How is this person encouraging to you?
5. On a scale of 1-10 how would you rate your, “being about God's business”?