

# LEARN TO MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS

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TEXT:

1 Thessalonians 4:11

And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

MESSAGE

Stay calm; mind your own business; do your own job. You've heard all this from us before, but a reminder never hurts.

SUBJ: Learn to mind your own business!

INTRO: How many of y'all know, that one of the best this that you can do for yourself is to mind your business?

(NOTE: Nothing good ever comes out of you being in the middle of someone else's business!)

(EXP#) You know how many people have gotten into trouble being in other people's business!

1 Peter 4:15

But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

(EXPOUND) Busybodies are always in somebody else's business!

(EXP#) I don't know why he keeps doing that!

(EXP#) If I were her, I wouldn't be doing that!

(NOTE: It ain't your business what they do.)

Don't be a busybody in everybody else's business!

Paul said in

2 Thessalonians 3:11

For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

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We hear that some of you are living in idleness. You are not busy working —you are busy interfering in other people's lives!

(EXPOUND) You need to learn how mind your own business and leave everybody else's alone, and find something constructive to do with yourself!

(EXPOUND) And look what I've learned!

I've learned, that if I mind my own business, I'll enjoy my life a whole lot better!

(NOTE: You can't even enjoy your life, when you spend your time worrying about what other people doing, when what they do ain't got nothing to do with you!)

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

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them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

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11 And to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, 12 so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

(EXPOUND) You need to learn how mind your own business and leave everybody else's alone, and when people see that you're not a nosey person, you'll draw respect from people.

(NOTE: People don't want to be bothered with nosey people!)

Especially if you're a Christian and you're always in somebody's business.

(EXP#) How can you draw someone to Christ, when every time they see you, you in somebody else business!

(NOTE: Here she comes with her nosey self!)

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(QUESTION) How do we mind our own business?

BODY:

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# #1 FOCUS ON FIXING YOU

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(EXPOUND) You got too much going on yourself in your life, for you to be in the business of somebody else!

(NOTE: You need to focus on fixing you!)

Matthew 7:1-5

1 Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. 3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

(EXPOUND) Stop worrying about what other people doing and instead focus on what you got going on.

(NOTE: Because You got more going on than anybody else!)

JESUS said in

John 21:20-22

20 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? 21 Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do ? 22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

(EXPOUND) He said, "If it's my will that he's doing what he's doing, what business is it of yours!"

(NOTE: YOU FOCUS ON YOURSELF AND FOLLOW ME!)

Romans 14:12

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

(EXPOUND) You're primary and main focus should be on you, because one day you're going to answer to GOD about you, and not about nobody else!

(NOTE: GOD ain't going to ask me about you, (Even though I probably could tell him some things) but He's going to ask me, about me!)

That's why Paul said

1 Corinthians 11:28-29

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

(EXPOUND) You need to examine yourself and make sure you can eat of the bread and drink of the cup!

Because if you can't, it ain't nobody's fault but your own.

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## **#2 DON'T HANGOUT WITH NOSEY PEOPLE**

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(EXPOUND) One of the worst things you can ever do, is to hangout with nosey people, because they're infectious!

Paul said in

1 Corinthians 15:33

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

(EXPOUND) Don't fool yourself thinking that you can hangout with nosey people and you won't become nosey yourself!

(NOTE: It's called Transference of spirits!)

(Birds of a feather, flock together!)

Proverbs 25:26

A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring.

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Like a muddied spring or a polluted well are the righteous who give way to the wicked.

(EXPOUND) When you hangout with nosey people, your waters (Which represents your life) becomes muddied and polluted!

(SAYING) "If you wrestle with a pig, you get dirty too!"

(NOTE: You become just as nasty as the pig!)

Psalm 26:4-5

4 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. 5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

(EXPOUND) You should hate having nosey people around you!

(NOTE: Every time they come around you should get up and leave!)

(NOW, just make sure you're not the one that's being left by yourself, because you might need to check yourself!)

CONCLUSION:

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**#3 KEEP YOUR MIND ON GOD**  
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(EXPOUND) The reason why a lot of people are in everybody else's business, is because their minds are not on GOD!

(EXP#) Girl you know what she did!

(NOTE: No I don't! And how do you know?)

(EXP#) You should've seen him at the club!

(NOTE: Well, How you know he was there, unless you were in there too!)

See that's why most people don't have any peace in their life because they're always in everybody else's business!)

Isaiah 26:3

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee : because he trusteth in thee.

(EXPOUND) See, As long as you keep your mind on GOD, GOD will keep your mind from foolishness!

For some of y'all who want peace in your life, keep your mind on GOD and off everybody else's business, and I guarantee your peace will increase!

Colossians 3:1-2

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.