

# KEEP YOUR BUSINESS TO YOURSELF!

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TEXT:

**Proverbs 13:3 KJV**

**He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.**

**Proverbs 13:3 CEV**

**Keep what you know to yourself, and you will be safe; talk too much, and you are done for.**

SUBJ: Keep your business to yourself!

INTRO: How any of y'all know that everything that happens in your life is not for everybody to know?

(NOTE: Some things are best kept between you and God!) Everybody doesn't need to know OR need to be in your business!

That's why a lot of us are messed up right now because we talk too much and tell too much of our business to the wrong people!

**Judges 16:15-19**

**15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth . 16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; 17 That he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head; for I have been a Nazarite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man. 18 And when Delilah saw that he**

**had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for he hath shewed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their hand. 19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him.**

(EXPOUND) The reason why a lot of us are messed up right now and going through some of the hell we're in and some of the trouble in our lives, is because we talk too much and tell too much of our business to the wrong people!

(EXPOUND) You can't share everything with everybody!

### **Genesis 37:5**

**And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.**

(EXPOUND) Some of y'all confiding in people, and those same people conspiring against you!

(EXP#) You tell your friend, "Girl, He ain't doing right."

She tell you, "If I were you, I would leave him!"

(NOTE: Then she call him, "She left you? Are you hungry?")

(EXP#) I've learned that, People are okay with your dreams and visions, as long as your dreams and visions see them being blessed!

I see the Lord blessing you and your family!

I see the Lord bringing you to another level!

I see the Lord opening doors for you!

(EXP#) People are okay with your dreams and visions, as long as your dreams and visions don't elevate you above them!

(EXP#) People are okay with your dreams and visions, as long as your dreams and visions keep you where they are!

You can't share everything with everybody!

That's why JESUS said in

**Matthew 6:6**

**But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.**

(EXPOUND) There are some things best kept between you and God!

And in due season, GOD will reveal it to everybody else!

## **WHY SHOULD YOU KEEP YOUR BUSINESS TO YOURSELF?**

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**#1 NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO SEE YOU BLESSED!**

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(EXPOUND) Not everyone wants to see you blessed OR prosper OR grow OR elevate OR move up!

(NOTE: Some people want to see you fail!)

**Genesis 37:18-20**

**18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. 19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. 20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.**

(EXPOUND) Not everyone wants to see you blessed, that's why you have to learn to keep some things to yourself!

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**#2 EVERYBODY DOESN'T BELIEVE LIKE YOU BELIEVE!**

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(EXPOUND) See sometimes GOD will have you to do some things that require you to have Faith that other people might not have OR understand!

(EXP#) You might have to have Faith that cause you to believe that if you can just touch the hem of his garment, you'll be heal!

(EXP#) You might have to have Faith that cause you to believe that if JESUS just speaks the word, your family will be saved!

(EXP#) You might have to have Faith that cause you to believe that if I dipped myself in the water seven times that I'll be made whole!

(EXP#) You might have to have Faith that cause you to believe that if you speak to your mountain, it'll be removed!

Sometimes GOD will have you to do some things that require you to have Faith that other people might not have OR understand, so you have keep some things just between you and GOD!

The Apostle Paul said

**Romans 14:22 KJV**

**Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.**

**Romans 14:22 GNT**

**Keep what you believe about this matter, then, between yourself and God. Happy are those who do not feel guilty when they do something they judge is right!**

(EXPOUND) Sometimes you have to keep your convictions and what you believe between you and God!

Because everybody doesn't believe and have Faith like you do!

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### **#3 YOU KEEP OUT DISTRACTIONS AND CONFUSION!**

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(EXPOUND) When you keep it between you and God, you eliminate the opportunity for confusion to come in!

(NOTE: See sometimes confusion comes in, when you let too many people in on what you're thinking!)

**QUOTE: "The less people you have in your business, the less drama you have in your life!"**

(EXP#) When there's too many different opinions, too many different mindsets, too many different spirits, that causes confusion to come in and GOD is not in it!

Because as it say in

**1 Corinthians 14:33**

**For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.**

When you keep it between you and God, there's peace and clarity!

**Mark 5:39-42**

**39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. 40 And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. 41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. 42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.**

(EXPOUND) Sometimes In order for the miraculous to manifest itself and for the anointing to flow freely, you have to thin out your crowd and put some people out who are not touching and agreeing with you!

(NOTE: You don't want nothing to hinder the HOLY GHOST from having his way!)

**Mark 7:32-35 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. 33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue; 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. 35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.**

(EXPOUND) See sometimes you have to get away from the crowd, because the crowd can be a crowd that keeps the anointing from flowing in your life!

(EXP#) You say god told you to do this, but the crowd is telling you they think you shouldn't do that!

CONCLUSION:

(QUESTION) Why should you Keep your business to yourself?

**#1) NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO SEE YOU BLESSED!**

**#2) EVERYBODY DOESN'T BELIEVE LIKE YOU BELIEVE!**

**#3) YOU KEEP OUT DISTRACTIONS AND CONFUSION!**

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**#4 GOD DOES HIS BEST WORK WHEN IT'S JUST YOU AND HIM!**

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(EXPOUND) When it's just you and GOD, that's when GOD works his best!

**2 Kings 4:2-7**

**2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil. 3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. 4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. 5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out. 6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.**

(EXPOUND) GOD does his best work when it's just you and him!

**Genesis 32:24-26**

**24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. 25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. 26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.**

(EXPOUND) Jacob was left alone when he wrestled with God and that's when GOD changed things in his life.

(NOTE: Changed his name, his talk and his walk!)