

Sermon Notes

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"To Mind or Not to Mind?"

Hebrews 3:12-13

Introduction: You ever heard of the phrase, "mind your own business"? For many, that is the way people live their lives. There are some who don't really want to talk about things going on in their life. You may see something that someone is doing and you want to talk to them about it; but that person doesn't want you to get involved or interfere. The Bible says we are to take care of one another; not to ignore someone and just pray for God to handle it.

Let's talk about things we can do in other people's lives to make their spiritual business our spiritual business according to God's word.

1. Be Ready

- a. People can let certain things come into their life that can cause them to drift away from their walk with God.
 - It can be jobs, relationships, college or even hobbies. Stuff like this can make someone drift away from being involved in church or grow in their walk with God.

b. When we see someone start to drift away from their walk with God, we need to be ready.

2. Be Responsive

- a. When you see someone start drifting, respond.
- b. It is the body of Christ that is to be responsive (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
 - i. When one part of the body of Christ is in pain, the rest of the body needs to recognize and respond to it.
- c. When the Lord prompts you to respond, do it before you talk yourself out of it.
- d. If you ignore to respond, that person may continue to drift away.
- e. God can use you to help someone from drifting away.

3. Be Receptive

- a. Who do you know in your life that is able to talk to you when you mess up or start to drift away?
- b. Free up somebody in your life to come into you and speak into your life.
 - i. Let others help you from drifting away.
- c. Be there for each other (Proverbs 27:17).

Conclusion: So as you continue to walk with God and you begin to notice someone is drifting away, you need to be ready to respond. When you start drifting away, let other believers (people you can trust) come to the rescue and keep you from drifting away.