

# BEING ABOUT OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

## Introduction

- A. In the matter of being about His Father's business, Jesus started very young - **Lk. 2:49**.
- B. Being busy in the Father's work is one of many ways that we ought to be "imitators of Christ" - **1 Cor. 11:1; 1 Jn. 2:6**.

### I. WHAT IS "OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS"?

- A. Compare the expression "the work of the Lord" in **1 Cor. 15:58**. (This is the only work that is not "in vain.")
- B. Our Father's business, strictly speaking, would be doing things that pertain to "the life to come" (**1 Tim. 4:7,8**).
  - 1. Worship.
  - 2. Prayer and Bible study.
  - 3. Edification, encouragement, teaching.
  - 4. Evangelism. If this was the Lord's main focus, it must be ours.
- C. Anytime it is our Father's work that we are doing, *we can count on Him to supply the resources* - **2 Cor. 9:8; 1 Pt. 4:11**.

### II. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT WE CONCENTRATE ON THIS?

- A. We cannot seriously claim to be patterning our lives after the Lord's life if we don't do this.
- B. We never hurt the Lord's work more than when we pay more attention to our own work than His - **Hag. 1:2-4**.
- C. It is not likely that a congregation (or an individual) will be *strong* without being *busy* in the Lord's work.

### III. KEYS TO IMPROVEMENT

- A. Seeing it truly as our *Father's* business. Cf. **Eph. 5:1**.
- B. Giving priority to spiritual things over temporal things - **2 Tim. 4:10**.
  - 1. We must truly set our minds on the "things above" (**Col. 3:1,2**).
  - 2. Both our treasure and our hearts must be in heaven - **Mt. 6:21**.
- C. Seeing the urgency of the work. Our opportunity is not unlimited - **Jn. 9:4**. Cf. "It is finished" (**Jn. 19:30**).

## Conclusion

- A. What specific *adjustments* can we make — especially in the example we set for our children and grandchildren?
- B. In general, L-O-V-E is spelled T-I-M-E. It is our schedule books that tell whether we are busy about our Father's business — so how many additional minutes each week are we willing to commit to the Lord's work?
- C. How busy will the Lord find us when He returns? Cf. **Lk. 12:43**.