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Dear Friends,

This month's letter is titled: -

“MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS”!!!

I want you to take a few moments out to read with me three separate accounts in scripture where this basic principal is applied; two now and one later! Firstly let's read from Numbers, then from the Gospel of Mark. All readings are from the Amplified Bible!

*Num 11:25 And the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him and put It upon the seventy elders; and when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied [sounding forth the praises of God and declaring His will]. **Then they did so no more.** [Num. 11:29.]*

*Num 11:26 But there remained two men in the camp named Eldad and Medad. **The Spirit rested upon them, and they were of those who were selected and listed, yet they did not go out to the Tent [as told to do], but they prophesied in the camp.***

Num 11:27 And a young man ran to Moses and said, Eldad and Medad are prophesying [sounding forth the praises of God and declaring His will] in the camp.

*Num 11:28 Joshua son of Nun, the minister of Moses, **one of his chosen men,** said, My lord Moses, **forbid them!***

*Num 11:29 But Moses said to him, **Are you envious or jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them!** [Luke 9:49, 50.]*

*Num 11:30 And Moses **went back into the camp,** he and the elders of Israel.*

*Mar 9:38 John said to Him, Teacher, **we saw a man who does not follow along with us driving out demons in Your name, and we forbade him to do it, because he is not one of our band [of Your disciples].***

*Mar 9:39 But Jesus said, **Do not restrain or hinder or forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in My name will soon afterward be able to speak evil of Me.***

*Mar 9:40 **For he who is not against us is for us.** [Num. 11:27-29.]*

*I have taken a long time in my own life, to sort out the wheat from the tares...so to speak!
What is important; what is life threatening; or, life changing; and what is not.*

*I heard a great quote, from a blessed man of God who once said: - If it is **illegal**, you have a right to know. If it is **immoral**, you have a right to know. **Anything else is irrelevant!**
Amen! That set me free! **Just like Jesus' TRUTH! It set's you FREE!** Amen!*

*Joh 8:31 So Jesus said to those Jews **who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples.***

*Joh 8:32 And **you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.***

*Now, try for a moment to imagine Moses with the Jewish people in the camp, (as the Numbers story tells). He is surrounded by: - the magnificent glory of the Lord in the cloud, taking the same spirit from Moses, and sharing it among the seventy helpers, who all did and said supernatural things, for a time. **"Then they did so no more..."** it says, in verse 25! But there remained **two men**...obviously anointed...and of the same seventy (verse 26), **(the selected and listed variety)**...but who did not go out to the tent (as told to do). **They chose to stay in the camp and PROPHECY!***

Oh Lord, have mercy! We have some heretics amongst us!

*So Joshua, **in his wisdom**; after all, he was **"one of Moses' chosen men; namely Moses' minister"**...ran out to complain to Moses and have them shut down, shut up, and thrown out. **Forbid them**...my lord! **Moses quickly turned round and said: - "What! Are you envious and jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that He would put His Spirit on all of them"**. (My paraphrase). Then... maybe we would get a few more people saved and off on the road to heaven. I can almost hear Moses having that conversation. Bless his heart!*

***Even the choicest of men; the handpicked bunch; the anointed lot; couldn't get on with loving and sharing the Good News!** They had to pick and bicker amongst themselves. Nit-picking and finger pointing!!! Does that story resonate in your spirit at all? Do you see yourself anywhere in that story? Does it remind you of somewhere you have been fellowshiping? Some church you have belonged to or visited with? I'll bet there were times Moses felt like saying; "Oh Lord, let me smack 'em real good. I'll repent again later"!*

*Now: - let's look at the Mark version of a similar story. **The apostle John....Jesus' favourite disciple**, said to Him; "Lord we found a man who is not doing and saying what we think he should do and say; **as we do – your true band of disciples; so we forbade him to preach;**" (verse 38). In other words: - we shut him down; shut him up, and threw him out!*

Oh Lord, have mercy! We have encountered more heretic preachers!

*And I just love the Lord's reply. He more or less says: - **"Just leave the boy alone! No one who does mighty works in My name...can continue on and not learn to speak and believe well of Me. If he is not AGAINST us he is FOR us!"** Amen! (Again, my paraphrase). And in...*

Joh 21:21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, Lord, what about this man?

*Joh 21:22 Jesus said to him, If I want him to stay (survive, live) until I come, **what is that to you? [What concern is it of yours?] You follow Me!***

In other words: - MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!!...you just follow me, and do what I say...in all three accounts!

We need to remember that Jesus has already told us - **His Word will not go out and come back void**; and remember...**On one occasion, He did use a "donkey" to get His message across! So who the messenger is, is not necessarily your business. What he says, and what God wants for you to do about that...**well now, that is a very different matter, altogether! **The very subject of this letter!**

I see, and feel, and hear, a lot of the same things being said and done, amongst our Christian brethren. We are now approximately 2000 years removed from that last scene in Mark's gospel, and we really haven't learned much at all; have we? Look at Paul's writings here to Timothy...

2Tim 2:23 But refuse (shut your mind against, have nothing to do with) trifling (ill-informed, unedifying, stupid) controversies over ignorant questionings, for you know that they foster strife and breed quarrels.

2Tim 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not be quarrelsome (fighting and contending). Instead, he must be kindly to everyone and mild-tempered [preserving the bond of peace]; he must be a skilled and suitable teacher, patient and forbearing and willing to suffer wrong.

Brother Matthew Henry gives us a great example of the **apostle Paul cautioning Timothy against contention**: - ...and, to prevent this (2Tim 2:23), **cautions him against foolish and unlearned questions that tend to no benefit; strifes of words. Those who advanced them, and doted upon them, thought themselves wise and learned; but Paul calls them foolish and unlearned. The mischief of these is that they gender strifes; that they breed debates and quarrels among Christians and ministers. It is very remarkable how often, and with what seriousness, **the apostle cautions Timothy against disputes in religion**, which surely was not without some such design as this; **to show that religion consists more in - believing and practising what God requires; than in subtle disputes**.**

Oh, how I pray we learn this same lesson, as Paul was teaching Timothy here! Soon, and very soon...we are going to meet the King! Remember that beautiful song? And we are running out of time!!! **Jesus is coming...VERY SOON!** So we need to learn to put some verbs in our sentences and **DO what we KNOW!** Titus also records some sound advice for us!

Tit 3:9 But avoid stupid and foolish controversies and genealogies and dissensions and wrangling about the Law, for they are unprofitable and futile.

Tit 3:10 [As for] a man who is factious [a heretical sectarian and cause of divisions], after admonishing him a first and second time, reject [him from your fellowship and have nothing more to do with him],

Tit 3:11 Well aware that such a person has utterly changed (is perverted and corrupted); he goes on sinning [though he] is convicted of guilt and self-condemned.

Unfortunately, there still will be, heresies and heretics in the church, from time to time; the very reason the apostle next directs Titus; what to do in such a case, and how to deal with such, (Tit 3:10). Matthew Henry's commentary made this statement: - He who forsakes the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, who broaches false doctrines and propagates them to the **corrupting of the faith in weighty and momentous points**, and breaks the **peace** of the church about them, after due means used to reclaim him, **must be rejected. How great an evil real heresy is. "Be humble, love the truth and practise it, and damning heresy will be escaped."**

The word "**heresy**" comes from the Greek hairesis which means "**choosing,**" or "**faction.**" (Verse 10). **Heresy** is any **provocative belief or theory that is strongly at variance with established beliefs or customs**. A **heretic** is a proponent of such claims or beliefs. **Hearsay (noun)** - gossip (**usually a mixture of truth and untruth**) passed around by word of

mouth; **Hearsay (adjective)** - heard through another rather than directly; "**hearsay information!**"

I have given you the dictionary meanings of the word "**heresy**" and "**hearsay**"; as the google search translates them. I see evidence of both within the confines of the church. There should not be, but unfortunately, is; **regardless of the TRUTH we have in our hands...The Most Holy Scriptures!** Unfortunately, the two are often interconnected; both heresy and hearsay!

Thank you Brother Henry. I couldn't have said it better myself! There is no need of wallowing in the "**stupid and foolish controversies,**" as Titus 3:9 said. **It is unprofitable and futile. It edifies NO-ONE but oneself** - the very person (thing, flesh), we are asked to **crucify, daily – not just on Sunday.**

Now, I have said all that to say this: - **We need to crucify our "flesh" daily; get our beak in the Book, daily; in order to cultivate our spirit, daily; be sure of what it is God has instructed us to be, say and do, daily; and determine to be about "Our Father's Business"...daily! In other words: - **Know** what "**your business**" is, **DAILY**, and - **MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!!!****

If Jesus didn't sanction your going there, (wherever – your choice); then stay home! If Jesus didn't sanction your conversation; then shut-up! If Jesus didn't sanction your job; then don't do it! It's hardly rocket science. **It's simply a matter of Obedience, to the One you Love!**

We are asked to **imitate Jesus**. He has come and **dwelt among us for a purpose**. He was, **is, and is to come**, our **ONLY example** of what we should be - **being, saying and doing**. If we get the "**imitation**" right...**we will get all else right!** Amen! Just concentrate on "**being**" who he wants you to be, and the "**saying and doing**", will automatically flow!

There is no need of us having our conversations tainted with the **mixture of truth and error; untruth!** **Joh 8:32 And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.** That is called – **spiritual discernment; meaning - the ability to judge well!** And there is no need for our information to be **second-hand**; - (or, as described as "**hearsay information**"). **We have an Almighty God; who gives unto us liberally; all things whatsoever we require, if and when we ask of HIM! Amen!** Just learn: - **who you are in Christ; what He asks of you; and walk in that obedience, DAILY; so that when you are confronted with the reality of this next verse, you are more than ready to meet and greet your Saviour and Lord! Amen!**

Heb 9:27 And just as it is appointed for [all] men once to die, and after that the [certain] judgment,.....! The reason you need to KNOW the TRUTH...NOW! Learn what your business is, and – MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

It is very liberating! It will set you free – by the universal law of LOVE! Be Blessed!

Till next month

From my house to yours

Blessings of the abundant kind!

Leila Nord.

