

LIFE'S MAIN BUSINESS

Matthew 6:31-33

Introduction: What is your main business in life? Your job? Are you a Christian? If so, then your main business is not your job. Your main business is the will of God. Jesus has something to say to us about what is really important in the life of a Christian.

I. CHRISTIANS TODAY SUFFER FROM A TRAGIC DIVORCE

1. Every Christian thinks of his/her life as two (2) areas: Job (secular) and Church.
 - Each requires a different lifestyle.
 - Each has its requirements, attitudes..
 - Sundays, best behavior, proper dress, politeness, etc.
 - Mondays, a different person, dress, personality, etc.
 - Only full time Church workers are different - so it seems. They're supposed to be "churchy" all the time.
2. This divorce of life is wrong!
 - One cannot separate his/her Christian life into parts.
 - Christians are to be holy every day, every where.
 - Whatever your job may be, your command is the same as a pastor's.
 - You are not sanctified only for Sundays.
3. Military aircraft have been converted.
 - Some planes once carried death but now carry people, food, supplies.
 - New owners, new pilots, new cargo, new destination.
4. Christians have also been converted.
 - A new owner, new pilot, new cargo, new destination.
5. Jesus didn't divorce the Sacred and the Secular.
 - He was a carpenter, but no less the Son of God, Spiritual.
 - He was a Teacher, Preacher, Healer.
 - Every day, all of the day belonged to God
6. Jesus taught that whatever honorable work a person does, God can be glorified within that work
 - It isn't where we work, it's what we do and why.
7. There's no divorce between the professional and part-time Christians, ministers, laypeople.
 - Why is it that ONLY ministers and missionaries are to have a definite call of God to service? THEY DON'T!

- Look at the Church of Corinth:
 - What we have , what they didn't.
 - That Church had power, love for God and mankind.
 - Every Christian had a call from God to serve wherever, whatever, a higher vocation.

8. **Mark 16:15** Jesus' great commission was given to EVERY person.

9. Non-clergy (laypeople) have opportunities to serve God that are not open to Pastors.

10. Paul was Bi-Vocational, remember, he was a tent-maker.

II. GOD'S KINGDOM CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR OCCUPATIONAL LIFE

- Slaves found Jesus (**Ephesians 6:5-8**)
- Work makes slaves of all, unless one goes to work each day knowing it is what God wants and there will be souls that come by who need Jesus.
- Each person is a contact, a door for opportunity.
- How do you view the people that pass by you every day?
- How does God view them?

CONCLUSION:

1. Christians are light, salt, everyday, everywhere.

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