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BUSINESS

When Joseph went into Potiphar's house to do **business** and was there alone, Potiphar's wife grabbed Joseph's garment and demanded that he have sex with her. (Joseph refused and fled from her.)

- **Genesis 39:11-12:** "And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out."

Under the Mosaic Law, when the Israelites went outside the camp to relieve themselves, they were required to dig a hole (with the paddle that was on their weapon), do their **business**, and then cover up whatever came out of them.

- **Deuteronomy 23:12-13:** "Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad: And thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee:"

Under the Mosaic Law, if a man married a woman, he wasn't allowed to be charged with any **business** for a year. (Instead he was required to stay home and cheer up his wife.)

- **Deuteronomy 24:5:** "When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year,

and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken."

The Israelite spies told Rahab that if she told anyone about them or their **business**, they wouldn't have to keep the oath they swore to protect her and her family.

- **Joshua 2:18, 20:** "Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee. ... And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear."

The five spies from the tribe of Dan saw that the people of Laish didn't have any **business** with anyone else (meaning they were isolated from others).

- **Judges 18:7:** "Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and there was no magistrate in the land, that might put them to shame in any thing; and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no business with any man."

When Ahimelech the priest asked David why he was alone, David told him that Saul had sent him on secret **business** (which was a lie).

- **1 Samuel 21:1-2:** "Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee? And David said unto Ahimelech the

priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place."

David told Ahimelech the reason he didn't bring his weapons with him was because Saul's **business** required haste (which was a lie).

- **1 Samuel 21:8:** "And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste."

During the reign of David, Hashabiah and his brethren served as officers in all the **business** of God.

- **1 Chronicles 26:30:** "And of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, were officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king."

Jehoshaphat had much **business** in the cities of Judah.

- **2 Chronicles 17:12-13:** "And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store. And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, were in Jerusalem."

In the days of Nehemiah, the singers were in charge of the **business** of the house of God (the temple).

- **Nehemiah 11:22:** "The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of the sons of Asaph, the singers were over the business of the house of God."

Nehemiah put the **business** of the temple in order.

- **Nehemiah 13:30:** "Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business;"

Those who do **business** on the sea witness the works of God. (This is because the ocean is His handiwork.)

- **Psalms 107:23-24:** "They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep."

Part of being humble is minding our own **business** and not dealing in matters that are too great for us.

- **Psalms 131:1:** "Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me."

It's wise to mind our own **business** and not meddle in fights that don't concern us.

- **Proverbs 26:17:** "He that passeth by, and meddleth with

strife belonging not to him, is like one that taketh a dog by the ears."

It's our responsibility to know the state of our household's **business**, and watch over it with diligence and care.

- **Proverbs 27:23:** "Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds."

If we want to keep wealth then we must diligently watch over our **business** and our possessions.

- **Proverbs 27:23-24:** "Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds. For riches are not for ever: and doth the crown endure to every generation?"

The virtuous woman in Proverbs 31 runs her own **business**. She buys fields, plants crops, and makes her own merchandise and sells it.

- **Proverbs 31:16, 24:** "She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. ... She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant."

The ships of Tarshish did **business** with Tyre.

- **Isaiah 23:1:** "The burden of Tyre. Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them."

It seems Daniel actually did serve some role in Belshazzar's government, because he was in the province of Elam to perform the king's **business**.

- **Daniel 8:1, 27:** "In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the first. ... And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it."

Jesus called James and John to leave their jobs and follow Him while they were working with their father in the family **business**.

- **Mark 1:19-20:** "And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him."

When Jesus was in the temple at twelve years old, He was doing the **business** of God the Father.

- **Luke 2:46-49:** "And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I

have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

It seems it's not normal for a master to explain to his servants what he's doing, or reveal his **business** to them. Instead the master orders his servants to do things and they must obey.

- **John 15:15:** "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you."

When the twelve disciples were looking to appoint the first deacons to take care of widows, they told the church to find men who could be put in charge of that **business**.

- **Acts 6:1-3:** "And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business."

We must be diligent in our **business**, and work hard in the job that we have to do.

- **Romans 12:11:** "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;"

The church must be concerned with the behavior of those who are within the church. It has no **business** judging those who are outside of it. (That's beyond its jurisdiction.)

- **1 Corinthians 5:12:** "For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?"

The church has no **business** rejecting the apostle Paul.

- **2 Corinthians 12:11:** "I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing."

It's good for Christians to mind their own **business**.

- **1 Thessalonians 4:11:** "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;"

Paul commanded the persecuted Thessalonian church to be quiet, mind their own **business**, and work with their hands, so that they could treat people outside of the church honestly and fairly.

- **1 Thessalonians 4:11-12:** "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing."

It's wrong for women to be busybodies. They must not get involved with things that aren't any of their **business** and go around stirring up trouble.

- **1 Timothy 5:13:** "And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not."

If a person can't keep his own children in order then he has no **business** trying to govern a church.

- **Titus 1:6:** "If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly."

Church leaders must love the saints of God. If they don't then they have no **business** being a leader.

- **Titus 1:8:** "But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;"

The church has no **business** listening to fables, or following after the traditions of men. Instead we must walk by the light of the Scriptures, and stick solely to the commandments that God has given us.

- **Titus 1:14:** "Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth."

The merchants of the end times only go out of **business** when Babylon falls at the end of the tribulation. Up to that point people still purchase their merchandise in spite of all the judgments God sends upon the world. Apparently life goes on

in spite of everything.

- **Revelation 18:10-13:** "Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men."

INDUSTRY

When the disasters of the tribulation era take place, Israel will have an (olive) oil **industry**.

- **Joel 1:10, 15:** "The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. ... Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come."

When the disasters of the tribulation era take place, Israel will have a wine **industry**.

- **Joel 1:10, 15:** "The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. ... Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come."