

## “Business As Usual”

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God is in the redemption business; Satan is in the business of stealing, killing and destroying (Jn. 10:10). We human beings are into our own personal businesses. Whatever ours may be, if these are not in God’s business, then we’re getting into meaningless pursuit (Ecc. 4:7-8). On the other hand, when we get into God’s business, no matter what our occupations may be, we are assured of satisfaction.

### 1. God is in the business of salvation:

- 1.1. The Lord is patient with us, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to repent. (2 Pt. 3:9)
- 1.2. “But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8).
- 1.3. We are commissioned by Jesus Christ to make disciples of all nations, baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything that Jesus has commanded us. (Mt. 28:18-20)

### 2. Four things that every child of God must do:

- 2.1 *“I must be about my Father’s business”* (Lk. 2:49).
  - “The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor” (Lk. 4:18-19).
  - “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost” (Lk. 19:10).
- 2.2 *I must preach the kingdom of God*
  - “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God...” (Lk 4:43).

- “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).
- Paul felt compelled to preach the gospel for he was simply discharging the trust committed to him. (1 Cor. 9:15-18)
- “His word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot” (Jer. 20:9).

### 2.3 *I must preach the Gospel*

- “And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing” (2 Cor 4:3).

### 2.4 *I must work His works*

- As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. (Jn. 9:4)
- “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does” (Jn 5:19).
- “For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! (1 Cor. 9:16).

### 3. What we must do to achieve these:

- 3.1 Have a relationship with God
- 3.2 Do what God says
- 3.3 Invest time, energy and resources

Our business as children of God is to proclaim His Kingdom and bring souls to salvation. It is not an option but an obligation.

**Reflection:** What business are we in today?

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