

## WHOES MONKEY IS THIS?

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### INTRODUCTION:

What does this mean, what is a monkey? Have you ever heard, “If you want this job done right do it yourself? This is because people have trusted others to do their job or business for them. Why is this? Why can’t we trust others to do our job? Why do we always look for someone that does their job well to do our job or business also? Is this right? Don’t misunderstand me. It is good to get council for a job to be done or help. What we are talking about is dumping the job on a friend or co-worker. They tell us that only 20% actually will do the spiritual and manual work in a church family. I really believe the percent is even lower. How does the other 80% get away with it? Easy, they dump their jobs that God gave them to do on others. Is this right? Oh no, we all scream. Who always mows the grass? Who always pulls the weeds? Who always teaches the same Sunday school class? Who does the entire visitation work? The willing will work until they are all burned out and most times leave the church. What is the problem? The problem is that they are carrying too many other people’s monkeys on their back as well as their own. How can we change this? Too many monkeys or jobs will burn anyone out. Why can’t we see our brother or sister carrying all the load? We never seem to care that the burden is heavy and if we listen God is telling us to take up the burden, our cross if you please and do our part.

### I. STUDY TO BE QUIET

I Sam. 21:2 And David said to Ahimelech the priest. The King hath commanded me a business and hath said unto me, let no man know nay thing of the business where about I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place.

The scriptures over and over tell us to be quiet about what we are doing. If we are trying to get someone else to do our business or job then we are certainly not quiet about it.

I Thess. 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:

### II. WHOSE BUSINESS IS THIS ANYWAY?

I Chron. 26:30

And of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, were among them in Israel on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the Lord, and in the service of the king.

The Lord’s business in the church is called, “People Business.” It is the business on the Lord and the church. If we have a problem we should take it to the one in charge and that one is the Lord Jesus Christ. I tell you from experience He will take care of it. Don’t carry your problems to a co-worker. They are busy doing their own assignments, (taking care of their own monkey).

### III. REASONS WHY THEY THINK SOMEONE ELSE SHOULD DO THEIR MINISTRY.

Have you ever heard excuses why you should do their work and reasons why they can’t do it?

I Sam. 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 weapon with me., because the king's business required haste.

David was telling the why hoping to receive help. But, how many times do we hear, "I'm sorry, I can't because.....?" No, the real story is, "I don't want to do it. Now be real, honest, about this thing called working for God. People want to get credit but, don't want the work. Right? Their time is taking with what they want to do not what needs to be done. We know that this is a way to tell everyone how selfish we are.

Matt. 25:25-26

And I was afraid and went and hid thy talent in the earth; lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap; where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

Matt. 25:30

And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

This is the example what will happen when we give our excuse to the Lord for not doing our job. The scripture is telling us this is a heaven or hell issue.

#### IV. BUSSINESS, WHAT DOES THIS WORD MEAN?

Business = Hebrew word = OT: 4399 Mela'kah

Properly, deputyship, ministry, employment or work, (as the result of labor): - business, industrious, occupation, manner of work.

2 Chron. 13:10

But as for us, the LORD is our God and we have not forsaken him: and the priests, which minister unto the LORD. Are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their business: We don't see the Levites passing on their jobs to others. Would you want someone in charge of a beautiful ministry to mess it up because they don't know how to do the job? No, then we must learn the how and why of the ministry. If we are not willing to learn to do our jobs right then we are not going to be successful in anything we try and do for God's kingdom. The Choir practices, ministers and teachers study many long hours. So yes, there is work we need to do before we get into a ministry. Don't turn over what God has called you to do for others because you will not take time to learn your job and how to do it right. Remember, we will be held accountable.

#### V. LIVES ARE AT STAKE

Josh 2:14

And the men answered her, our live for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

The men doing the business of the Lord in Jericho again used the principle of God by staying quiet and offered this woman her life if she stayed still about them being spies in the city before they captured it.

Josh 2:20-21

And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quiet of thine oath which thou hast made us to swera. And she said, According unto your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

Yes, lives will be lost if we are not on our job doing what God has called us to do. What if our Pastor had not heard the call of God on his life? Where would we be? Most of us the enemy would have killed spiritually or even naturally and we would be in the grave by now. Lives for eternity will be affected by our decision to do our Kingdom work for God.

Prov. 22:29

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

The word Diligent in Hebrew means = OT: 4116 mahiyar  
Quick, hence skillful: diligent, ready, hasty.

We as the people of God must understand that we are not to be judged by mean men but by the work that we do or not do. It is imperative that we take the responsibility of our own monkey and do our work well, less we lose our own souls as well as others.

I Cor. 3:13

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

Mark 13:34

For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

When we understand we are not responsibility for no ones work but our own, then will we fell comfortable in what we are doing for the Lord and His Kingdom. We are again to do every man his own work. Take care of your own monkey. We have the authority to do our work not our neighbors. When we try to do Bro. Tom's job we will most likely fail. We do not by God have the authority to do his job. So let's not pick up his monkey. I know it is hard to say no to our Brother when we are asked to do his job for whatever reason. We have to remember we are doing him an injustice by taking care of his monkey. We are allowing him to get away with a sin that will cause many souls to be lost.

John 4:34

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

If we see the work of God in it's true light we will see our ministry as the work to be finished before we die or the Lord comes. We are called to do the work of God and His work becomes our work. Our neighbor's job is not what we are called to do.

2 Cor. 6:1

We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

God has given us grace to do His work with Him. What are we going to do with it?

John 5:17

But Jesus answered them. My Father worketh thitherto, and I work.

Hitherto = Greek Word means = NT:2193 Heos

A conjunction, preposition and adverb of continuance, until (of time and place): even until, unto, as far as, how long.

How can we believe that if we turn our work over to, no matter how small it may seem to us, to someone else, that we will not be held accountable when Jesus our perfect example said, "My Father works and I will continue to work." We must see this principle and stop putting our monkeys on others and stop picking up jobs that others try and put on us. What if Jesus decided not to go through with dying for our sins, or not teaching the disciples what to do when He was gone? Would there be a church today? Who could have taken His place or ministry and completed the work as God intended? Right, no one can do what you and I or Jesus was sent to do. If we don't do our business for the Lord, then people will be lost and lives will never turn from sin to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus came for a purpose and so did you and I. God called us to the Kingdom for a job to get done. If we do not do the work that is set before us then we better fear God now.

John 9:4

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work.

Jesus said that He must work now. We all better wake up and realize that the time is short and night is coming fast. Let us all stop putting our work on others to do and have mercy on them that are doing all they can to see the work is completed before He comes back.

Let us put our shoulder to the wheel and take on our responsibility to get our own work completed before darkness arrives.

Example that is a true story:

There was a little girl that lived across the street from a church. She was three years old but had a desire to go see what it was all about. Her family did not attend any church. They allowed the little girl to go. It was just across the street. The little girl went to Sunday school and had a wonderful teacher, Mrs. Shelly. The dear lady was dedicated to this little card class. She took time and told the children about Jesus and His love. The little girl wanted this Jesus to be her friend. She did not understand how to do this so she would stay for church while all the other children went home. She would climb up on the front seat and listen to the Pastor. She never took her eyes off him as he talked about Jesus. This little girl had to move away miles from her church. She didn't get to go to church until she was a young lady. She found a church at the age of sixteen that was down the street where she had just moved. She never forgot what Mrs. Shelly and the Pastor had said about the friend that loved her. She went to this new church and gave her life to Christ. She became a soul winner and teacher. While other teens were out having a good time, going to parties and movies. This young lady studied her Bible. As she began to win souls and teach giving thanks to God for Mrs. Shelly that cared about little children and took her class as her ministry that God had given to her. What if this church and never been built? What if Pastor Soaper would not have heeded the call of God on his life? Many souls that just this one little child won as an adult may have never found the Lord.

We must stop looking for ways to get of our ministry and giving our monkeys to others. We are causing souls to be lost that we many never meet because we are not in the fields working. Mrs. Shelly did her job, with the call of God, even though she went on to her reward, yet her ministry continued with a young lady that she had put the Word of God into with love and care in a simple little three year old.

Romans 9:28

For he will finish the work, and cut id short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

Let us be encouraged with the fact that Jesus is with us to accomplish whatsoever we are called to do.

God Bless you as we work together for the purpose for God's Kingdom.