

IT IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS

1. Text: John 21:18-22
2. This fascinating account has an important practical, usable lesson for all. Peter wants to know about John's destiny. The Lord responds: Whatever I will do with him, what concern is it of yours? You follow me.
3. After what Christ says to him, Peter could say, "It is none of my business."
4. Let's see three very practical ways we need to say that:

I. **Concerning Judging Eternal Destinies**

1. The young man: killed on way to be baptized?
2. You decide on three things; what if one does only two?
3. "What if's"
4. Can drive insane.
5. Can exceptions destroy every rule?
6. Result: No absolutes and anarchy.
7. God is the judge and it is none of my business.
8. So relax, let go, enjoy the peace: God is on the throne and you don't share it.
9. Sources: Eventually emotional ties or refusal to obey God's will.
10. Acts 10:34-35 "God is no respecter of persons but whoever fears Him and works righteousness is acceptable to Him."
11. To Peter: It is none of your business; you follow me.
12. We can be strong in beliefs and then leave God's part to Him.

II. **Concerning The Personal Issues Of Brethren**

1. When things are not of a moral and spiritual nature, it is none of our business.
2. How people spend their time and money, etc.
3. Individual interests: Horses
4. Personalities
5. Preachers and their families (the wife's sewing)
6. Judgmentalism: criticism over non-essentials.
7. I Peter 4:15. Notice the context. NIV has "meddler." Greek word has two words: Belonging to another plus overseeing. So someone who tries but has no business "overseeing the affairs of others."

III. **Concerning The Unrevealed Things Of God**

1. Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.
2. Notice: "The secret things" or things God has chosen not to reveal.
3. Unfortunately many choose to speculate, theorize, imagine, dream up, suppose all kinds of things about those secret things, to no profit.
4. For example: Eschatology or last things.
5. Reading into prophecy.
6. Opinions
7. Issue: Curiosity and speculation versus faith and obedience
8. What does it mean? I don't know and you don't either.
9. What I have been asked to do:
10. Back to number one: "that we may do all the words of this law."
11. Matthew 7:21 Those who do the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven.
(And that will has been revealed)

Conclusion: It is none of my business.

What is my business?

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