

“OCCUPY TILL HE COMES”

Luke 19:13 – “And He called His ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, occupy till I come.”



Hugh Stuart Campbell says, “The word “occupy” means “to do business” – to do the will of God. “What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? we read in Micah. This is man’s true occupation. Jesus called it being about the Father’s business. It is the business of doing good, the business of loving.” Something to seriously think about on this Christian journey; don’t you think?

On my job, every year before raises are decided and bonuses are distributed to each worthy staff member, the employee must complete a self-evaluation. This evaluation is for the benefit of both the manager, who does not always see or know exactly what the employee is doing, and also for the benefit of the employee. During this self-evaluation the employee is asked to reflect on the past twelve months and determine the areas that they excelled in as well as the areas that needed improvement. The employee is asked what things they did over and beyond the call of duty to contribute to the success of the Firm. The employee is asked if they are a “team player”. The employee is asked what innovative ideas they suggested that would ultimately bring more revenue, attract future employees and allow the Firm to operate more efficiently and more effectively. And they are asked what steps they plan to take to accomplish this task.

Saints, I believe that every Blood Bought Believer ought to take regular retrospect of their personal contribution to the Kingdom before any rewards are distributed to them as well. That’s exactly what Judgment Day is all about – Blessing or Cursing! Unlike our earthly boss, God is keeping track of your every deed. He will rewind the video of your life and view your good and your bad deeds. He will be able to view all the areas in your life that needed a serious makeover. He will be able to observe where you refused to come out of darkness and into the marvelous light in order to crucify the flesh daily, but rather remain in sin. God will be able to glimpse all the opportunities you took above and beyond the call of duty to witness to someone about Christ in order to bring the lost in to be discipled, and to expand the Kingdom. He’ll also be able to observe every time you undermined leadership; every time you tried to sabotage the success of a ministry; every time you tore a sister or brother down instead of exhorting them; every time you walked over a sister or brother without speaking because you envied the anointing that was on their life; every time you lied about someone because you were jealous of something or someone they had in their life; and every time you were asked to serve in ministry and you always had an excuse why you could not serve.

The Father’s business is only what the Father tells you to do or to say. The Father’s business brings about big dividends and eternal rewards! The Father’s business is about building up the Kingdom in love. Saints, it’s time to undergo a self-evaluation before He returns. When He comes please don’t let Him catch you with your work undone. For we know not the hour nor the day when the Son of Man will return. But we do know He is coming back. And He’s coming back for His church without a spot or wrinkle. He’s already commanded you to “Occupy till I come.” What will He find you doing?

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