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Roamin' In **Romans** **Romans Chapter 12**

Romans 12:11 - Boiling Hot, Not Lazy

Message preached on Wednesday, April 16, 2025

11 *Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;*

REMEMBER: We just got done talking about us as a family...and each of us working hard to put others in front of ourselves.

NOW: He gives us a major direction...a major mark in the life of a Christian.

“Not slothful in business”

IMMEDIATELY we look at this and think this has to do with our jobs or careers...and while that can apply, especially to our testimony to the world...

RICK RENNER tells about a person who was high in the government of a nation that talked to him and let him know that any Christian he ever came across was lazy. How they had low standards in the things that they did.”

BELOVED: What a horrible testimony to the world.

Is it no wonder it seems like Christian stuff ALWAYS seems to be far behind the worlds STUFF (television, movies, music, etc.).

ILLUSTRATION: Kenneth Copeland recording an album and one of the musicians said, “That’s good enough for Gospel.”

BELOVED: Too often Christians have no gumption to get up and do something with their lives.

NOTE: The reason many people want to be pastors is because they won’t have to do anything. Christians are talented, gifted and knowledgeable...they are just satisfied with the level they have attained and have no desire to show any professionalism with their lives.

SECOND HAND Rose!

“Not slothful” – lazy or idle (not doing anything)

This is a person who has a do-nothing, lethargic, lackadaisical, apathetic, indifferent, and lukewarm attitude toward life.

Matthew 25:26 – (parable of the talents) “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:”

“Business” – eagerness or zeal

(NASB) – “not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;”

LITERALLY means to do something with eagerness or to do something with diligence.

The idea of acting responsibly, quickly and with attentiveness...opposite of lazy.

NOTE: While it is good for us to have thing attitude in our jobs and careers...this seems to be our attitude inside of our family (the Body of Christ)

Not being lazy in the church. Be diligent in the church.

~ When something needs to be done...we are not lazy but diligent to do it.

~ When we are doing something in the church...we are not lazy but doing it with excellence.

~ We are not giving our second best.

“Fervent in spirit”

“Fervent” – boiling over; HOT, brings forth the idea of strong emotional feelings of enthusiasm; zeal or passion.

“Spirit” – pneuma...which can be the HOLY SPIRIT or our own spirit.

POINT BEING: Our spirit, because of the Holy Spirit, in us should BOIL in us.

Jeremiah said, “The Word was like FIRE shut up in my bones.” (Jeremiah 20:9)

Revelation 3:16 – (to Laodicea) “So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.”

(Cold water from Colossae; Hot water from Hierapolis; Laodicea was in the middle)

BELOVED: Our spirit should PUSH us to do things for God. It should be so strong in us that it should cause us to move like if we touched a HOT PLATE.

“Serve the Lord”

1 Corinthians 10:31 – “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”

Colossians 3:17 – “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”

Here is the point...when you are doing ANYTHING in life...you are representing God. You are doing it FOR GOD!

YOU SAY: “Why does Pastor Thad always ask us to do things around the church. Boo hoo!”

When we should say, “An opportunity to serve the Lord.”

Cleaning the church, working at spring cleaning, etc...isn't for Pastor Thad it is for God.

THINK ABOUT IT: What if God drifted down in this place tonight and said, “Hey, I need a favor.”

Would you clear your schedule to do what he was going to ask you?”

~ Clean gravel out of the grass.

~ Spray weeds.

~ Rake tree line.

~ Etc.

You betcha you would.

BELOVED: What Paul is telling us, is that this should BURN IN US...to have this mentality to DO things for His kingdom.

Psalm 69:9 – “For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.”

(NASB) – “For zeal for Your house has consumed me, And the taunts of those who taunt You have fallen on me.”

David was NOT going to allow anything less than EXCELLENCE and SPLENDOR for anything that he did for the house of God.

QUESTION: What about you?

Here is some questions:

1. Would you say that your life is a good testimony of who Jesus is, or does your example leave some people shaking their heads, wondering what is wrong with lazy, low-level Christians?
2. Perhaps you have a standard of excellence in some areas of your life but not in other areas. In your opinion, what areas of your life already portray excellence, and what areas do not?
3. Do you try to stay aware of how your attitudes, your dress, and your job performance are affecting people's opinions of Jesus? Are you continually striving to make sure your life gives an honorable impression of Jesus Christ to others?
4. Do you treat the things you do for the church/house of God to be less important than the stuff you do for your job, etc.?