

Mind Your Own Business

As part of our emotional make up the Creator gave us the characteristic of curiosity. Without curiosity mankind may have never advanced to the technological state of today. Curiosity drives discovery and the gaining of knowledge about the world around us. But as with any emotion our curiosity can be misused and get us into trouble. The old adage “Curiosity killed the cat.” can certainly ring true.

New Testament Christians are warned to keep their curiosity in check when it come to the business of others. The church at Thessalonica were warned not to be idle which leads to the sin of “busybodyness” (2 Thess. 3:11). Again, Paul wrote to Timothy to warn against idleness which leads to gossip (saying things which they ought not) and getting into other’s personal matters. (1 Tim. 5:13) How serious is being a busybody? In 1 Peter 4:15 the busybody is listed right next to the murderer, thief and evildoer. I’d say that’s pretty serious.

Our lives can be unnecessarily dramatic if we’re always trying to run other people’s lives. Want to live a peaceful life? Then mind your own business. (1 Thess. 4:11)

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Today’s Scripture Reading:

But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more; that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you, (1 Thessalonians 4:10–11)