

Mind Your Own Business

Depending on your personality and your upbringing, constantly or regularly involving yourself in other people's business may be an area that you haven't considered a problem. After all, you may say that you're going along fine and that unrighteousness isn't an issue for you. The thing is, though, righteousness is defined by what the Trinity approves of, not what any of us might think it is.

So, is being a busybody (at any level) something that Father wants us to continue with or something he wants us to eliminate?

Here's his mind on that:

*“There are ways you can help others and ways that you should not help. I would have you be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in every situation. I know the depth of your compassion, but **there are times when you can intervene and times when you should mind your own business.**”¹*

Somehow, we tend to think that because we are “the children of God”, that we have all the right answers and that it's our responsibility to tell everyone. Really? We tend not to listen to the quiet voice of the Spirit and we ‘take matters into our own hands’, following our mind, emotions and soul. That includes meddling in other's affairs when we've no authority to do so.

In contrast to that, one of the factors in our self-control is knowing when we should involve ourselves in other people's affairs. Stopping and listening to the Spirit before we ask questions or give our ‘unasked-for’ advice is critical with that.

Even those we have oversight over (e.g. family) need to have the freedom from our incursion into their personal lives that we demand for ourselves.

Put yourself ‘in their shoes’. Do they want you to ask them questions? Do they really want your advice? Why not wait until they ask for those. Then you'll definitely be acting righteously.

This topic is well worth assessing in ourselves, to see if we're out of line with Heaven.

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