

MEANING BUSINESS

I was preaching in a tent crusade many years ago. One evening half way through my sermon a heavy set man in tee shirt and blue jeans jumped from his chair and ran out of the tent. I thought my preaching had offended him. As I continued my sermon, suddenly this man entered the tent, running down that saw dust aisle with both arms up in the air. His tee shirt liked several inches meeting his jeans. He had a bottle of whiskey in his hand and reaching the altar emptied it. He was crying and begging God to forgive him for beating his wife and children and spending food money for drink. He cried out for God to save him. He received Jesus as his personal Savior.

Many years later I ran into one of the ministers who had help coordinate this crusade. I asked about the man that poured his whiskey on the altar. My friend shared that God had called him to preach and he was pastor of one of the fastest growing rural churches in the Florida panhandle. He meant business when he accepted Christ.

John 12:26 states the words of our Lord: If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve, him will my Father honor. What the world needs now are believers who mean business and follow Christ in service.

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