

OCCUPY TILL I COME

LUKE 19

Text: Luke 19:13

(Luke 19:13) "And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come."

Introduction:

I think all of have had times in our lives when we get so occupied with something that we forget to do something that we intended to do.

Just this week I was thinking about something as I was driving down 370, and passed up the exit I needed to turn on.

The word "occupy" means to busy oneself or be consumed.

It is interesting as you read Paul's letters to the churches, and to Timothy, as well as Philemon he never mentions the beautiful mountains in Corinth, or how wonderful Rome was. The reason I believe is that he was consumed or occupied with the Lord.

We read of Stephanas that he addicted himself to the ministry.

Our text commands, to occupy. It is not a suggestion, or a good idea, but rather a commandment.

Notice:

1. WE NEED TO BE OCCUPIED WITH HIM

There is no substitute for being with Christ.

(Acts 4:13) "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

A. He desire to fellowship with us.

2. WE NEED TO BE OCCUPIED FOR HIM

A. We need to busy for Him

B. We need to die to self

(Gal 2:20) "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

(Rom 6:6) "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

(Rom 12:1) "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

C. We must be faithfully occupied for Him

(1 Cor 4:2) "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

(1 Pet 4:10) "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

We need not be occupied for ourselves but rather for the Saviour.

3. WE NEED TO BE OCCUPIED BY HIM

Comes as a result of

A. Salvation

Continues as a result of

B. Being filled or controlled by the Holy Spirit

(Eph 5:18) "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;"

C. Results of being controlled by the Holy Spirit.

(Acts 4:31) "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."