

Minding Our Own Business (Philippians 2:5-11)
Palm Sunday

INTRODUCTION: *Mind your own business!*

I. WHAT IS THE BUSINESS WE NEED TO MIND?

(Verses 5-8)

- A. Be Christians... “little Christs”
- B. To be Christ-like is to be humble (v.8)
- *The parable of the wheat field*

II. THE BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH: Philippi, 60A.D &
Richmond, 2008 A.D.

- A. Does our “Sunday singin’” match our “Monday livin’?” (Verses 5-11)
- B. The problem of me, myself, and I... (Verses 3-5)
- C. St. Paul says *MYOB*: Not- me, myself, and I... but:
what’s best for all of us
- “*The 80/20 principle*”

III. JESUS’ BUSINESS: Model and Power for Humility

- A. The model
 - 1. Know your rights and lay them aside (v.5)
 - 2. Serve, don’t grab (v. 6)
 - 3. Identify with sinners, don’t prejudge them (v7)
 - 4. Love: give up my rights for another’s needs
(v. 8; I John 4:9-11)
- B. The power (Verses 9-11)
 - 1. He calls us to what He has already pioneered
 - 2. The same power that raised Jesus from death
raises us to a new kind of living
(Philippians 2:13,15 and Romans 6:3-4)

CONCLUSION: *The touch of the Master’s hand*