

Be not slothful in business but be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. – Romans 12:11

The United States, at one time, had 768 ships comprising what could be called a Mothball Navy. These vessels, anchored in various harbors around the country, received regular maintenance. Their exteriors were painted periodically; their hulls were continually bombarded by electrical impulses to retard the process of rust and corrosion; and the moisture content of the air in their inner compartments was kept at a proper level with giant humidifiers. While these ships could be readied for combat on very short notice, they just sat there doing absolutely nothing.

Some of God's children can be described as "Mothball Christians." Their talents and gifts are not being used. They are snugly harbored in a church, receiving spiritual help from others but never giving anything in return to the service of the Lord.

The United States government has a reason maintaining a Mothball Navy but there is no excuse for Christians remaining inactive. If we sense the urgency to spread the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world, we must use our talents and abilities responsibly to accomplish the task.

*Question: How can we challenge people to put their faith into action and use their talents for Christ and for His Kingdom?*