“About My Father’s Business”

Luke 2:41-49
Jesus is Easily Found In The Father’s House
Minding The Business! (Matthew 18:20)

Love – “Beloved, love one another” (1 John 4:7)

Truth – “speak the truth in love” (Eph. 4:15)

Salvation – “… be saved!” (Acts 2:40).

Hope – “abound in hope” (Romans 15:13)
Reviewing Elements of Our Father’s Business Plan

* Purpose – “the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17).

* Strategy = utilize family, church, one-on-one and multitudes (John 1:5, Acts 2)

Today’s study: components of His business that remain!
1. My Father’s Business: “Engaging the Word of God”

Vs. 46 – 47 – “all who heard Him were amazed…”

** Our God is a God of REVELATION!

** The Word of God is valued, studied, and applied, resulting in:

* salvation
* sanctification (growing in holiness) “sharper than any two-edged sword” (Heb. 4:12)

Conversing with the Father achieves:
* intimacy with God
* power for Christian living (James 5:16b)

* Seek answers, direction, discernment
  “Call unto Me and I will answer you…”
  (Jeremiah 33:3)

Early church understood!
Acts 1:14 – “continually devoted / prayer”
3. My Father’s Business: “Seeking That Which is Lost!”

Cooperative effort – we do more together than we can alone = “full-court press!”

March, 2016
Carla Squitieri’s plight = finding her 12.5 carat wedding ring!!!
New Housing Developments = 2,700 Homes Next 5 Years in 5 Miles!

** 1,100 just in Mundy Mill!
Oh! Don’t Forget 1 Cor. 6:19-20

YOU Are The Father’s House/Business!
“...your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit...”

His business is engaging YOU in the Word
(which incites faith) Rom. 10:17, Heb. 11:6
...engaging YOU in prayer: James 4:2
...engaging YOU in reaching the lost
(Matt. 28:19)