

**SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:38-42**

**SERMON: Mind Your Own Business!**

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**IMMEDIATE CONTEXT: CALL TO FOLLOW THROUGH SUFFERING INTO GLORY**

**A. THE SECOND PASSION PREDICTION** (9:31; see 8:31; 10:32f)

**B. THE SECOND REFLEX REACTION** (9:32-37 & 38-42; see 8:32-9:13; 10:35-45)

**C. THE SAME POINT: FOLLOW JESUS** (9:35-37 & 39-42; see 8:33-9:1f; 10:41-45; see Rom.8:17)

**PRESENT TEXT: A STRANGE EXORCIST** (Mk.9:38-42; Lk.9:49,50; see Mt.10:42)

**A. JOHN** (Mk.9:38; see 10:32f & 35f)

**B. SELFISH AMBITION** (Mk.9:38,34; see 1:34; 3:14f; 9:18; see Jms.3:14f)

**C. VALID MINISTRY** (Mk.9:39(38)-40)

**D. ENCOURAGEMENT TO WELCOME SUPPORT** (Mk.9:41,38f; see Num.11:29)

**E. SEVERE WARNING AGAINST TRIPPING** (Mk.9:42 w/38,35-37; see Acts 5:29; see 1C.8:7f; 10:24f)

**BROADER CONTEXTS: LESSONS FOR FAITH & LIFE !**

**A. BEWARE OF A REAL & PRESENT DANGER!** (Mk.9:17f,38; see; Eph.4:27; 6:11; 1Tm.3,6f; 2Tm.2:26; 1Pt.5:6f,8f; 1Jn.3:8; Rev.2:10; 12:9f; 20:2f; see Satan Cast Out by Frederick Leahy)

**B. DISCERN VALID MINISTRIES AND WELCOME THEIR SUPPORT!** (Mk.9:38f with Acts 19:13f; Mt.7:22 (Heb.6:4f); 2Cor.10:12f)

**C. BE AFFIRMING EVEN OF ANNOYING VALID MINISTRIES!** (Phil.1:14-18 (2:3) /Jms.3:14f)

**D. UNDERSTAND THAT NOT ALL MINISTRIES ARE UNIQUE IN EVERY RESPECT!** (Mk.9:38f with Num.11:24-30; 29 (Lk.10:1& marg.); yet Eph.2:20; Acts 1:21)

**E. BE AWARE OF A STRICTER RULE!** (Mk.9:40; compare Mt.12:30,22f = Lk.11:23,14f; Acts 4:12)

**F. MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!** (Mk.9:38f; see 2Cor.10:13-16/Phil.1:15-18; see 1Th.4:11,12; 2Th.3:11,12; 1Tm.5:13; see 2S.16:11; 2Kngs.4:27; Mk.14:6; Acts 5:38; see *Community Service Honor Roll* insert)

**G. BEWARE OF REQUIRING OF OTHERS WHAT GOD CALLS YOU TO DO!** (Mk.9:38f; see Rom.14:4; Jms.4:10-12)

*Brethren, what shall WE DO?* (see Acts 2:37f)