



TRAIL TIP:

Too many irons in the fire may result in costly mistakes.

Explanation:

As a kid we heard: *He's got too many irons in the fire.*

I always pictured a bunch of cowboys with a fire and branding irons in the fire pit when I heard that saying.

Simply put, if you have too many tasks or activities going at the same time, you lose track of what is important or what goes where, and you are bound to fail at one or more of the activities or tasks.

As born-again Christians, we can get our priorities messed up, too.

Good activities like sports, extracurricular activities of all kinds, including church based activity are all profitable in their own place and in moderation.

Doing good deeds like serving in the community, raising funds for charitable organizations are all commendable activities. But they are not the Gospel.

In fact the people around Jesus themselves often missed the whole point of why Jesus came to the earth.

Bible Example:

[Matthew 26:9](#)

For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor..

In this scripture a lady has given her most costly precious earthly treasure, an expensive container of burial ointment, to Jesus by pouring it out on Him. She understood He was about to redeem her soul with His life. But the people around this scene only saw the action as a waste of money that could have aided the poor.

Indeed, the Bible also tells us that faith without works is dead. If you have faith, naturally the works should follow. Good deeds have their place in the Christian's life, but should NEVER replace the Gospel.

Yes, we can easily get too many irons in the fire, and forget that we are here to first and foremost of all to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is only one way to Heaven. Jesus said that He is that way. Not by good works, but through Him.

[Galatians 1:6](#)

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: