

# Understanding Your Ministry *and Men who are called to the Ministry*

*Colossians 1:23-29*

## **Introduction**

**Romans 12:4** *all the members do not have the same function ...* **6** *And since we have gifts that differ ... let each exercise them accordingly*

## #1 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of your Ministry 23c, 25a

### **1st-God calls some as supported ministers and calls every \_\_\_\_\_ to ministry**

**Acts 26:15** *And I said, 'Who art Thou, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.*

**16** *But arise, and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a **minister** and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you; **17** delivering you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you,*

#### **1-Consuming desire and commitment**

**1 Timothy 3:1** *It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do*

#### **2-Confirmation of the body/leaders**

**Acts 13:1** *while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have **called** them."*

#### **3-Communication gifts**

**Ephesians 4:11-12** *He gave ...some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints ...*

**1 Timothy 5:17** *Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.*

#### **4-Continuing fruit**

**John 15:8** *By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. **16** "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain...*

**1 Corinthians 12:7&11** *7 to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.*

## **2nd-Christians \_\_\_\_\_ to function as ministers**

**1 Corinthians 9:16-17** *For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel. **17** For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a **stewardship** entrusted to me.*

**1 Peter 4:10-11** *10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

## #2 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of your Ministry 24a

**Hebrews 12:1-4** *and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame 2 ... for the joy set before Him endured the cross, 4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood*

**Philippians 4:4** *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!*

**1-Keep looking up**

**2-Be a debtor**

**3-Remember what you were**

## #3 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of your Ministry 24b

**Philippians 1:29** *For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,*

**Acts 9:4** *Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"*

**How to be encouraged by persecution?**

**Suffering...**

Brings us nearer to Christ Philippians 3:10

Brings us assurance of Salvation I Peter 4:14

Brings us future eternal reward Romans 8:17-18

Results in the salvation of others Philippians 2:17

Frustrates the enemy, Satan Acts 9:16

## #4 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of your Ministry 25b

**What is your S.H.A.P.E.?**

**Spiritual gift**

**Hear passion for God**

**Abilities**

**Personality**

**Experiences**

## #5 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of your Ministry 26-27

**Romans 8:10** *if Christ is in you, ...the spirit is alive*

**2 Corinthians 13:5** *Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you-- unless indeed you fail the test?*

**Galatians 2:20** *I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me*

**Ephesians 3:17** *that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith*

**Is Christ living in you?**

## #6 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of your Ministry 28a

## #7 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of your Ministry 28b

**James 1:4** *let endurance have its **perfect** result, that you may be **perfect** and complete, lacking in nothing.*

**Ephesians 4:13** *until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a **mature** man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.*

## #8 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of your Ministry 29

**Conclusion**

Being faithful to your ministry requires...

**Decision**

**Dependence**

**Dedication**