

# Ministers Equip Sessions 3

## True Ministry

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#### WHAT IS MINISTRY?

2Co 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

2Co 4:8

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

2Co 4:9

Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

2Co 4:10

Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

2Co 4:11

For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

2Co 4:12

So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

2Co 4:13

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

What does It Mean To come Out Of Your Life?

to lose **our notion of ownership over our lives** and our **ministry**.

The Ministry comes from God

The Gifts To Do Ministry belong to God

You can get a spiritual gift working to do great ministry

A great music ministry, A great healing ministry, a great deliverance ministry

The prolific in the gift of faith, the gift of miracles,

At the end of the day you will still be no closer to being full of God,  
no closer to having growth of the life of Christ than before you began

You cannot minister for God unless God has first minister His Life to You

Mat 7:21

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;  
but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Mat 7:22

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

Mat 7:23

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

The will of God the Father Is To occupy the person by His Spirit and Truth  
God desires to form Christ In that minister not that the minister run off to  
to see all he or she can for God.

God wants that person to be conformed to image of son

The Pursuit and Purpose Of Christianity Is Christ In You Glorified

This is not what typical church ministry is usually about.

They push a lot of other things that they are doing or planning to do

The Formation of Christ in Us is First above all else in People

### **Jer 2:13**

For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

The Life Of God In us, The Manifesting of Christ in Us is a Fountain of Living Water  
But the church system does not focus on manifesting of Christ in us

### **Jhn 6:53**

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

### **Jhn 6:54**

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

### **Jhn 6:55**

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

### **Jhn 6:56**

He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

TRUE MINISTRY - Springs Forth From The Life Of Christ

There are various groups that provide service to human needs

Military, Police, Fire, Hospitals,

Many Religions in the world such as Mormons, Catholics, that render services  
to meet human needs . . . and many are good.

TRUE MINISTRY IS THE PRODUCT of the treasure that is in earthen vessels

That Power may be of God and not of us

Not of human natural devices  
Not rising from flesh, emotions, hype, neither are there intentions to avoid those things

It Is The Life Of Christ That Is Ministry

My independent religious way of thinking that is accustomed to functioning absent of God  
has to die (this is bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus)

That the Life of Christ can emerge in me and manifest through me as His branch  
The Vine is the Life, And Christ is the Vine. And The Ministry is the fruit product of the vine.

The branch does not focus on doing, no dependence on a list of principles,  
not on a conference  
the branch focuses on the Vine. branch grows from the vine, and branch bears fruit  
Because the Vine is The life, not the branch, The branch does not produce fruit  
The branch does not belong to itself, It belongs to the vine

Jesus take My Yoke Upon You and Learn Of Me - The Word is the Yoke  
(that what we branches are suppose to be doing)

We in Christ and no longer separate entities

We often try to make ourselves righteous with good intentions but it is in ignorance  
Its not plan of God. We act as independent contractors to do work of righteousness  
for God. That's a form a self righteousness.

Sanctification - after the new birth is so ordered by God to remove the errors in our  
understanding that has been accumulated in our religious independence  
The is a separation from my errors and independence in my understanding.

Where my opinionated objections and who me's and my human sensibilities being offended  
are removed and God can have free and clear access to use this earthen vessel as He  
pleases.

The same thing that people do in their personal lives is what they do ministerially  
People overwhelmingly 'ME' Minded.  
in other words people are still the owner of their lives and ministries

According to the Apostle Paul . . . There is no 'ME' except when dying.  
A servant owns nothing - a steward is given the possessions of another  
We have been given this treasure of the life of Christ and as stewards  
we don't do with it what we want, but what pleases the owner.

We don't have right to take God's gifting and life and use it as we please,  
Becoming a faithful steward over the things of God is a honorable thing  
It brings about a TRUST that God can use and promote.

## 1) Ministry Is Work (stems from Christ Life)

God Gave gifts unto men . . . for the work of the ministry

Ministry is not a stroll down the red carpet`

Ministry is not an easy payday

From cleaning bathrooms, picking up trash off the floor, changing light bulbs,

From feeding and giving food to the hungry, to visiting the sick, to praying for people

Eph 4:12

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

2Ti 4:5

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, **do the work of an evangelist**, make full proof of thy ministry.

Eph 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

The Work Is Special But The Person Is Not

It is not a special person that God selected who is better than other people  
to be used in a special way

The special work that is done is no more rewarded than the person who is not  
selected to do that special work.

Being called has nothing to do with salvation but a stewardship of work

But the first and most important calling is that of Being matured into the fullness of Christ

God Promotes Faithfulness

In A Faithful work it is good to disconnect and rest and restore

## \_\_\_\_\_2) The Ministry Of Reconciliation

**2Co 5:18**

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

**2Co 5:19**

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

### 3) God's Love Is The Nature Of Ministry

Why is so much said about Love than any other characteristic? Love Is God's Nature

1Jo 4:7

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

1Jo 4:8

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

The most loving people in the world are those who are not calculating when to love  
The most humble people in the world are those who don't know that they are humble  
In other words there no keeping score of I do and don't do.

There is no list of principles that one is trying uphold

There is no pride in what one does

There is just a flow of God that is organic from the person of Christ within

### 4) Compassion (A must For Ministry)

**Heb 5:2**

***Who can have compassion on the ignorant,*** and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.

As A Minister of The Word Of God It Is Imperative That You Have Compassion On People.  
If You don't like dealing with people you are in the wrong field of operation.

God Is about people. But many so called ministers make the ministry about his personal power and success.

And unless he repents from his self-aligned motives his work will be destroyed.

Ministry is about transformation and change not maintaining what you have  
To make someone feel better is soulish. The emotions are not the judge of what's truly spiritual  
Many church experiences a soul related, soul power to make people feel better  
In their humanity.

### 6) Ministry Is A Trust Through Sanctification

David tried To Bring The Ark of The covenant (Christ in you glorified) back to Israel  
But a man died in the process.

David had to go back and read up on Joshua who was instructed to have the People

and the Priest to be sanctified against the third day, that the Priests could bear the ark and step in floody Jordan river onto dry ground, that all the people could pass clean over. (This Is the Picture of Last days Ministry)

Jos 3:5

And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

Jos 3:6

And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people.

And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

Jos 3:15

And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in

the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

Jos 3:16

That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam,

that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and

were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.

Jos 3:17

And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan,

and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

The Consummation Of Eternal Redemption

**Passover is the type of** Jesus's Conquest over sin and death

**Pentecost is the type of** the Church age by the Spirit (early ministry harvest)

**Tabernacles is the type of** the The coming fullness of Christ (latter ministry harvest)

Passover is the fulness of Jesus Christ

Pentecost Is the Spirit formation of the Church

Tabernacles is the fulness of Christ in the Church

The Present truth = Truth concerning The End Times

The Stone cut out of the mountain without hands, = The formation Of Christ In a People For The End Times

The Feast Of Tabernacles = The End Time Harvest & Coming Of The Lord  
A Church without spot or wrinkle = Is An end Time Church full of Glory  
A Bride /as terrible was Army with Banners = An Unconquerable Army Of The End Times