



Introduction

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Welcome to Ministry Development! Congratulations on finishing Firm Foundation and Leadership Development! You are well on your way to fulfilling God's intended purpose for your life! This series of lessons will take you to the next level of serving God and His people with joy!

You will learn how to lead someone into salvation, minister to the harvest of souls after church in the VIP center, pray for others in the altar ministry on Sunday mornings, Baptize people, lead people in receiving the Holy Spirit, visit people in the hospital and minister healing, teach the word of God, and ministering comfort to those experiencing the loss of a loved one.

Eph 4:11-16 NKJV *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the ^[a]edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

MSG *He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher **to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church,** until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ. ¹⁴⁻¹⁶ No prolonged infancies among us, please. We'll not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who are easy prey for predators. God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.*

Eph 2:10 NKJV *For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

1. Ministry is about _____.

Mark 10:45 NKJV *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to **serve**, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

John 20:21 NKJV *So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”*

Serve: *to be an attendant; to wait upon; teacher; to act as a Christian deacon*

Ministry: *the **service of God** and His people*

Minister: *one who serves others; someone set apart for **servicing** the purposes of God*

Matthew 25:35 NKJV *for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’*

God cares about people are hurting – lost – in bondage – we are His hands extended to minister to them!

2. Ministry is _____ to the faithful, committed, and competent.

2 Tim 2:2 NKJV *And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, **commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.***

1 Tim 2:1-4 NKJV *You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³ You therefore must endure^[a] hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴ No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.*

MSG *So, my son, throw yourself into this work for Christ. **Pass on what you heard from me**—the whole congregation saying Amen!—**to reliable leaders who are competent to teach others.** When the going gets rough, take it on the chin with the rest of us, the way Jesus did. A soldier on duty doesn’t get caught up in making deals at the marketplace. He concentrates on carrying out orders. An athlete who refuses to play by the rules will never get anywhere. **It’s the diligent farmer who gets the produce.** Think it over. God will make it all plain.*

Ministry requires faithfulness!

Faithfulness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness**, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”*

a. Faithfulness requires us to _____ our ways to God.

b. Our faithfulness to God is _____ in our faithfulness to others.

Proverbs 19:21 NKJV *Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is **the Lord’s purpose that prevails.***

1 Cor. 6:19-20 NKJV *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price...*

Proverbs 28:20 NKJV *A faithful man will abound with blessings*

3. _____ is critical to successful ministry.

Integrity: *faithfulness; loyalty; trustworthiness; allegiance*

Scriptural Integrity Def. *A Person of Kingdom Integrity is a person who not only professes Christ, but consistently does that which is ethically right, morally right and spiritually right regardless of the short term discomfort. God requires all of us to function in the kingdom of God with the utmost integrity.*

* A life of integrity affects my commitment to people, to principle, to possessions, to performance and to projects. In short **integrity is a “right now” commitment to righteous behavior**

Psalms 25:19-21 NLT *May integrity and honesty protect me, for I put my hope in you.*

Psalms 26:1-3 NLT *“Declare me innocent, O Lord, for I have acted with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord without wavering. Put me on trial, Lord, and cross examine me. Test my motives and my heart. For I am always aware of your unfailing love, and I have lived according to your truth.”*

4. Guard your _____.

Acts 6:1-6 NKJV *Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of **good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom**, whom we may appoint over this business*

Proverbs 22:1 *A good name is to be more desired than great wealth...*

Acts 16:1-2 NKJV *And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. ² **He was well spoken of by the brethren** who were at Lystra and Iconium.*

AMP: *Timothy had a good reputation among the brethren.*

Phillips: *Timothy was held in high regard by the brethren.*

1 Tim 3:2 *A leader must be well-thought-of*

1 Tim 3:7 *MSG Outsiders must think well of him*

These days your reputation is more than just person to person... Social media is an important part of your reputation as a person with the highest standards of integrity and godliness.

Don't post, like, or share anything that is vulgar or offensive in any way!

Eph 4:29-30 *AMPC Let no foul or polluting language, nor evil word nor unwholesome or worthless talk [ever] come out of your mouth, but only such [speech] as is good and beneficial to the spiritual progress of others, as is fitting to the need and the occasion, that it may be a blessing and give grace (God's favor) to those who hear it. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God [do not offend or vex or sadden Him]*

Don't engage in foolish arguments.

2 Tim 2:23 *AMPC But refuse (shut your mind against, have nothing to do with) trifling (ill-informed, unedifying, stupid) controversies over ignorant questionings, for you know that they foster strife and breed quarrels.*

Don't post sensual pictures of yourself or others.

1 Tim 2:9 *NLT And I want women to be modest in their appearance. They should wear decent and appropriate clothing and not draw attention to themselves*

Don't curse or share posts that include bad language or even symbols, abbreviations or initials %&*\$.

Don't gossip.

Don't be full of self pity or discontent in your posts.

Don't share all your business!

Always, always, always project the person that you are – full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom with self discipline and self control.

5. Your life should truly be _____.

1 Tim 3:2-7 *MSG If anyone wants to provide leadership in the church, good! But there are preconditions: **A leader must be well-thought-of, committed to his wife, cool and collected, accessible, and hospitable. He must know what he's talking about, not be overfond of wine, not pushy but gentle, not thin-skinned, not money-hungry. He must handle his own affairs well, attentive to his own children and having their respect. For if someone is unable to handle his own affairs, how can he take care of***

God's church? He must not be a new believer, lest the position go to his head and the Devil trip him up. Outsiders must think well of him, or else the Devil will figure out a way to lure him into his trap.

6. Be _____ with the Word and ready to minister at a moment's notice!

Keep the word stirred up in you so you can stir up others!

2 Tim 4:2 NKJV *Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season.*

2 Tim 2:15 NKJV *Be diligent (study) to present **yourself approved to** God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

7. Keep a clear _____.

If anything is out of order in your life or you are struggling in an area, talk to God about it, ask for help, confess it to your pastor or spouse.

Acts 24:16 *I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.*

Psalms 66:18 NKJV *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.*

1 John 3:21 NKJV *Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, **we have confidence toward God.***

8. Be committed to your _____ with God.

The power of God shows up in the open when you spend private time with Him!

Matthew 6:6 NKJV *But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you ^{la}openly.*

9. Be committed and faithful to your ministry rotation assignments.

Commitment: *being dedicated to a cause; loyalty; faithfulness; responsibility*

You cannot just call out if you're unavailable, first you must try diligently to replace yourself with another minister. Continuous calling out puts undue stress, burden and frustration on the rest of the team.

2 Tim 2:2 NKJV *And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these **to faithful men** who will be able to teach others also.*

Hebrews 10:25 NLT *And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*