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EVERY MAN SHOULD HEED

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OBEYING THE CALL TO SERVE IN MINISTRY

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A bee is flying in the upper right quadrant of the image. In the foreground, there is a cluster of purple flowers. The background is a bright sunset with a large sun in the center, creating a warm, golden glow.

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# Introduction

**W**e are called by our names every time to get our attention for various reasons. Sometimes, it is a call from a spouse, a parent, or from our children. It could also be from our bosses, business partners and relatives. So many things call for our attention. However, our failure to heed these calls does not go without consequences.

There are so many things craving for our attention, but there is a distinctive call to every man on the face of the earth.

Remember that the things which get your attention will determine your actions. There is only one very important thing that should get your attention now and that is the call of God

# Does God Still Call People?

**Y**es! God calls people 24 hours a day for 365 days a year. God, from the very beginning of the church age to the end of the age, has been and will be calling people into the vineyard. I am sure that even on the day of rapture God will be calling people. I know He is calling you into the work of the ministry. Our Lord Jesus Christ taught very clearly in Matthew 20:1-16 that God will always call men. He will call men at every hour and time into His vineyard.

MATTHEW 20:1-16

- (1) For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.*
- (2) And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.*
- (3) And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,*
- (4) And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.*

(5) *Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.*

(6) *And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?*

(7) *They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.*

(8) *So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.*

(9) *And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.*

(10) *But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.*

(11) *And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,*

(12) *Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.*

(13) *But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?*

(14) *Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.*

*(15) Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?*

*(16) So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.*

The ministry of our Lord Jesus will always require people to fulfill it. The Lord's will for our salvation will be fulfilled but it requires the involvement of men and women of faith. While in His earthly ministry, our Lord Jesus Christ called twelve men, but today He is calling men in their thousands from all nations, tribes and tongues into His field.

The householder called labourers at different times. He called some at early morning, others at the third, the sixth and at the ninth hour. He is still calling men and women in their numbers. The Scriptures say many are called. The Lord is still calling people in their numbers. He is calling men to different levels of service - Lordship, Stewardship, and workmanship;

- ✦ Jesus is the Lord
- ✦ The five-fold ministers are the stewards
- ✦ Then there are the workmen

## **What is He Calling Us to Do?**

God is calling every one of us to work the fields. He is calling us to work the fields of the souls of men.



The householder did not call the men into his home, he called them to work his field.

The fields are white, the harvest is ready; lift up your eyes and see. We stand in the midst of the harvest of the souls of men.

The call is not just a title or designation. It is a call to service; service that takes place in a real world of business. It is a call to serve as sheep in the midst of wolves. You will be successful in this service if you are open to this reality of ministry. You will succeed if you understand the true meaning of the saying, "I am called"

## **A Call to Fruitfulness**

JOHN 15:16

*Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.*

The Lord has chosen us to go into the fields. He has ordained us to bear fruits that would remain. The call to ministry is not an occasion to while away time; it is a call to work a field. He has called us - though at different times - to bear fruits.

## **A Call to Minister**

It is a call to serve people as your contribution to the building of the kingdom of God. There is a story of three quarrymen in a quarry working, and they were asked “what are you doing?” The first answered “we are hewing stones”. The second answered I am earning Gh¢5 a day. The third man also retorted “I am helping to build a cathedral”. In every service, especially in Christian or humanitarian service, we find all these three classes of workmen;

1. People who are there to labour – hew stones
2. People who are there to earn a living – earn Gh¢5
3. People who are there to carry through or fulfill a vision – build a cathedral

The main distinction between people in Christian service is the perspective from which they see what they are doing. This largely affects their attitudes. Each one of us must serve in the church knowing that we are fulfilling a mission. You are not here merely to sing, to intercede or to usher or anything, but to work together to fulfill a mission.

## **A Call to Leadership**

JOHN 10:1-4

*(1) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.*

*(2) But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.*

*(3) To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.*

*(4) And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.*

In reality, the call to leadership is a call to;

1. Take responsibility
2. Bear burdens
3. Take criticism associated with bringing people along to a destination

# Recognizing the Call to Serve

MATTHEW 22:14 ESV

*For many are called, but few are chosen.”*

The call to serve may be recognized in many ways. You may recognize a call to serve in a number of ways. A few of these are;

1. By a dramatic call
2. Through Christian maturity
3. By recognizing a cause
4. By recognizing a grace and an ability
5. Through a call of the church leadership

## **By a Dramatic Call**

Sometimes people recognize the call of God on their lives through a dramatic or sensational means. This includes hearing an audible voice, having a dream about it repeatedly, or by prophecy, etc. For some, the call is very dramatic. A classic example is

the call of Apostle Paul.

ACTS 13:1-3

*(1) Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.*

*(2) As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.*

*(3) And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.*

## **By Christian Maturity**

Though some pastors recognize the call of God in a dramatic way, there are a lot more who also recognize the call. One of the ways is to grow into ministry. God expects that as we grow in our faith, we mature into teachers - one of the seven tables in ministry.

HEBREWS 5:12-14

*(12) For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become*

*such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.*

*(13) For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*

*(14) But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

Bishops Timothy and Titus became pastors through maturity and loyalty. There always comes a time when we ought to commit what we have to other faithful men who will also commit them to others.

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

*(1) Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*

*(2) And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

## **By the Recognition of a Cause**

This happens when a person **recognizes a need or a cause** which they could fulfill. This is what happened with Phillip. He was a deacon in the church in Jerusalem, but as a result of the persecution, he became an apostle in Samaria.

ACTS 8:3-7

*(3) As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.*

*(4) Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.*

*(5) Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.*

*(6) And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.*

*(7) For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.*

You should find it pathetic that;

1. Millions are dying on a daily basis without Christ.
2. Millions are broken hearted, hopeless, disoriented and suffering under satanic oppression because they do not have a shepherd.
3. Millions cannot understand what they read because they have no teacher.

Beloved, there is a vast harvest that awaits us. We have very little option. It calls for prayer to the Lord of the Harvest and a prompt response to His call to service.

## **Through a Call from the Church**

Through the counsel of Jethro in Exodus 18, we learn that stewards of the Lord can call men who have certain abilities into service.

EXODUS 18:13-23 ESV

*(13) The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening.*

*(14) When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?"*

*(15) **And Moses said to his father-in-law,** "Because the people come to me to inquire of God;*

*(16) when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws."*

*(17) Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good.*

*(18) You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone.*

*(19) Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people*



*before God and bring their cases to God,*

*(20) and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do.*

*(21) Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.*

*(22) And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you.*

*(23) If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace.”*

*(24) So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.*

*(25) Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.*

*(26) And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves.*

This is exactly what the apostles did in Acts 6. They

appointed deacons to serve at tables.

## **Through a Recognition of a Gift**

1 SAMUEL 17:26-29

*(26) And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?*

*(27) And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.*

*(28) And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.*

*(29) And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?*

# **Through the Recognition of a Compelling Desire**

1 TIMOTHY 3:1

*This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a  
bishop, he desireth a good work.*

## Responding to the Call to Serve

**B**efore you say yes to the call of God on your life, you must be very clear on seven issues. This is because he that puts his hands to the plough and turn back is not worthy of the kingdom.

LUKE 9:57-62

*(57) And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.*

*(58) And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.*

*(59) And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.*

*(60) Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.*

*(61) And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.*

*(62) And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for*

*the kingdom of God.*

## **Responding to the Call**

### **1. Confirm the Call**

Spend time in prayer, fasting and in waiting on God. Discover your assignment. What have you been called to do? Discover it.

### **2. Count the Cost**

Count the cost and totally surrender your life to God. You must be willing to be open to all possibilities. In the ministry, anything can happen to you. Until you are surrendered to all possibilities, you are not ready for ministry. Ministry is not a fun-fair but the taking of risks. No wonder Jesus rebuked Peter.

MATTHEW 16:21-26

*(21) From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.*

*(22) Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him,*

saying, *Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.*

*(23) But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.*

*(24) Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

*(25) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.*

*(26) For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*

### **3. Decide to Respond**

MATTHEW 21:28-31

*(28) But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.*

*(29) He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.*

*(30) And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.*

*(31) Whether of them twain did the will of his*

*father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.*

After you hear the call, the onus lies on you to decide whether to respond or not, but remember that a blunt disregard would not go unpunished.

LUKE 13:6-9

*(6) He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.*

*(7) Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?*

*(8) And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:*

*(9) And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.*

You are that tree; you are planted in the Lord's vineyard to bear fruits, so you better decide to bear fruits or else you may be cut down.

## **4. Start with Little Things**

Begin by doing little things in ministry available to you. You must first demonstrate faithfulness in handling a few things.

Ministry is not another source of income or employment but a service from the heart.

## **5. Prepare for Greater Commitments**

LUKE 12:47

*And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.*

## **What are the Dynamics of the Call?**

2 CORINTHIANS 5:12-21

*(12) For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart.*

*(13) For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause.*



(14) *For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:*

(15) *And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.*

(16) *Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.*

(17) *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

(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;*

(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.*

(20) *Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

(21) *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

Though we might think of ourselves as good, sin

has separated us from God. Sin has placed enmity between God and us. There is a unilateral hatred between the Creator and His creature. Where as the Creator loves His creation though we are in sin, the creation hates its Creator. God is calling us into the ministry of reconciliation to reconcile the world to Himself.

### **1. God is calling you to reconcile with Him and to help others reconcile with Him**

2 CORINTHIANS 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;*

### **2. God is calling you to follow and to bring in others**

MATTHEW 4:19

*And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.*

### **3. God is calling you to drink of the waters of life freely, and to help others to find the waters of life**

#### **4. God is calling you to return from your backsliding and to lead others back home**

God is calling every man. He is calling every one of us to come home. He wants us to return from our backsliding and to take the water of life freely. God gave us His only begotten Son so that we will be reconciled to Him.

So God has made His move, it's now our turn to return. Isaiah 53:6 says that *“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all”*.

### **The most Important call to Heed**

The most important call every man should heed is the call to influence other men. It is the decision to be used as an instrument of change. It is the decision to let our light shine so others can find light in our light.

DANIEL 12:3

*And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.*

## Levels of the Call to Serve

*You are either called to serve as a steward or  
help the steward*

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

*Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.*

*At the base of the hierarchy are **Nine-fold tools (gifts)** which function as tools for the general use of matured saints. This is the lowest level of the spiritual hierarchy. These tools are available for the general use of the church. God has given these tools for the benefit of all.*

*At the mid sections are the **Seven-fold tables (Administration)** operating on specially designated tables in the offices. These are men and women called by God in the church to help the offices in the discharge of their duties. These are people with ability who are of honest report.*

*At the top are the **Five-fold ministries (Operations)***

*in specially designated offices.* This is the highest level of leadership in the church. Men and women who stand in these offices are specially designated by God and ordained in the church to groom the church.

*At the spine of this structure is God Himself (the Trinity). You cannot do ministry independent of God (See John 15:5). God is the spine or pillar that holds the whole structure together. If God is not at the center, then the entire structure is bogus; it cannot stand.*

It is important for you to understand that every level requires greater dimension of sacrifice, capacity and commitment. From the table below, we can see that the third level is further divided into three levels;

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Tools	Tables	Offices		
		Lay Minister	General Practitioner	Specialist

1. The lowest level requires about 10 hours of voluntary service a week.
2. The second level requires about 15 hours of voluntary service a week
3. The third level requires about 20 hours of voluntary service a week
4. The fourth and fifth levels require all of your time

## **The Nine Tools**

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-11

*But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.*

*For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;*

*To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;*

*To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:*

*But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*

### **The List of Tools Which the Spirit Gives**

1. The word of wisdom
2. The word of knowledge
3. Faith
4. The gifts of healing
5. The working of miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Discerning of spirits
8. Divers kinds of tongues
9. The interpretation of tongues

## **The Purpose of the Tools**

These gifts are given for the general benefit of the church and the world. The manifestation of these gifts bring the confirmation to the truth we preach.

## **The Seven Tables**

ACTS 6:1-4

*And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.*

*Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.*

*Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.*

*But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.*

### **List of seven tables, which the Offices sets up**

Jesus Christ Himself had apostles, but the apostles set up a second level of leadership in the church;

deacons, administrators, ministers, helpers, teachers, etc. Romans 12:6-8 teaches that

*“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;*

*Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; Or he that teacheth, on the teaching;*

*Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation; that he giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy with cheerfulness”.*

Clearly these are seven tables in the church.

1. The table of Prophecy
2. The table of Ministering
3. The table of Teaching
4. The table of Exhortation
5. The table of Giving
6. The table of Ruling (Administration)
7. The table of Mercy (Compassion)

## **The Purpose of the Tables**

The purpose of the tables is to help the full and effective function of the offices. They assist the men who stand in the offices to be effective in the ministry of the word and prayer



ACT 6:5-7

*And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:*

*Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.*

*And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.*

## **The Five Offices**

EPHESIANS 4:8-11

*Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.*

*(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?*

*He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)*

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

## **The List of Offices, which Jesus Christ Gives**

He that ascended up on high is the same that descended and gave gifts unto men. He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. He gave some

1. **Apostles:** A sent one, a messenger, an advocate
2. **Prophets:** One with the grace to foretell and forth tell
3. **Evangelists:** One with the grace to draw men to Christ
4. **Pastors:** Shepherd
5. **Teachers:** Explainer of doctrine, an instructor.

These gifts are not listed in any order, at least as far as may be discerned. They just reveal the various callings of service that are made available to the sons of men. These are the ministerial gifts. These gifts were given to us for service both in the church and in the harvest. They are called the five-fold ministry.

## **The Purpose of the Offices**

The God we serve is a God of purpose, who has a reason for everything He does. Without a sound knowledge of this purpose, we are likely to abuse His grace and providence, hence the reason to

discover the purpose of His gifts to us. So why did Christ give us these gifts?

EPHESIANS 4:12-15

*(12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

*(13) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

*(14) That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

*(15) But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

1. For the perfecting of the saints
2. For the work of ministry
3. For the edifying of the body of Christ

Our Lord Jesus intends that the shepherds would continue in this

*“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

*That we henceforth be no more children, tossed*

*to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

Christ expects this chain reaction to continue until **the church of God becomes an invincible force of power to reckon with.**

## **The Work of Ministry**

Collectively, the church is called to preach and spread the influence of the kingdom.

MARK 3:13-15

*(13) And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him.*

*(14) And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,*

*(15) And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:*

Ultimately, ministry is seeking the other sheep of the Lord. Organizing a sheepfold, and feeding the flock. You are either called to help with this assignment or to work in it directly. He called them

that they might be with Him, and that He might send them to;

1. Preach
2. Have power to heal the sick, and
3. Have power to cast out devils

The early church obeyed this command and stepped out. In Luke 9:6, the Scriptures say that

*“And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where”.*

We have been called to this fundamental work. We have been called to preach and to exercise power over sicknesses and devils. I have been called to feed the church with the mysteries of God’s word and the signs of God’s word.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:4-5

*(4) And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:*

*(5) That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*

In the days of Christ, the Bible says in Luke 5:15 that

*“But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear,*

*and to be healed by him of their infirmities”.*

Read this instruction;

LUKE 10:8-9

*(8) And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:*

*(9) And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.*

Read on?

LUKE 9:1-2

*(1) Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.*

*(2) And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.*

The work of ministry is simple; preach, and heal.

## **Feed the Flock with the Word**

JOHN 21:15-17

*(15) So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.*

*(16) He saith to him again the second time, Simon,*

*son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.*

*(17) He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.*

Many years ago, our Lord Jesus Christ told a parable to His disciples

LUKE 12:42-48

*(42) And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, **to give them their portion of meat in due season?***

*(43) Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.*

*(44) Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.*

*(45) But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;*

*(46) The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when*

*he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.*

*(47) And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.*

*(48) But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.*

So we have a business to run and it is to feed the flock of God

ACTS 20:28

*Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

## **Feed the Flock with Healing**

PROVERBS 4:20-22

*(20) My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings.*

*(21) Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.*

*(22) For they are life unto those that find them, and*



*health to all their flesh.*

## **Feed the Flock with Deliverance**

MATTHEW 15:21-28

*(21) Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.*

*(22) And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, **Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.***

*(23) But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.*

*(24) But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

*(25) Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.*

*(26) But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.*

*(27) And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.*

*(28) Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.*

The woman of Canaan came to Jesus seeking just one thing; healing and deliverance. Now if Jesus Christ would not cast the bread of the children to dogs, then healing and deliverance is the bread of the children.

## Rising as a Minister

HEBREWS 5:12-14

*(12) For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.*

*(13) For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*

*(14) But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

There are more and more people at the base of the ministry structure of the church and fewer people at the top. This is because the top consists of the seasoned and matured believers, but you can also rise to the top. Truthfully, you must desire to rise through the ranks to the top.

Now lets take a final look at the hierarchy again. From the base, we have;

## **1. Workers**

Serving in the harvest with any of the tools but without tables.

## **2. Ministers:**

Serving in the harvest at a table part-time.

## **3. Lay Pastors:**

These serve in the harvest from an office part-time.

## **4. Pastors**

Serving in the harvest from an office full-time.

## **5. Specialists:**

They serve in the harvest from an office with a specific emphasis.

# **Secret to Rise and Rise Again**

## **1. Desire a Higher Level**

Desire is the greatest secret to rise. In 1 Timothy 3:1, the Bible says *“This is a true saying, If a man*

*desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work”.*

## **2. Decide to Move to Higher Levels**

Decide to rise above your present level and make the move. Even the prodigal son rose above his present status. He could change his level because he decided to rise and did rise.

LUKE 15:18-20

*(18) I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,*

*(19) And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.*

*(20) And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.*

## **3. Prepare for Higher Levels**

LUKE 12:47

*And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.*

Prepare through study, fasting and prayer.

## **4. Start Following those in Lead**

Consider the example of Elisha and Elijah;

1 KINGS 19:19-21

*(19) So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.*

*(20) And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?*

*(21) And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.*

## **5. Use Your Present Level well**

1 TIMOTHY 3:13

*For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great*

*boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

The following keys will help you to make the most of your present level in the things of God as you desire a higher level in the ministry;

1. Have Faith In God

John 6:28

*Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?*

John 14:12

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

2. Say the right things

3. Sacrifice your very life

4. Give your substance

5. Be serviceable to your bishop, the church and to God

6. Be available to your bishop, to the church and to God

7. Appear godly

8. Attitude - have a godly attitude

9. Act godly

10. Pray more
11. Interact more with people
12. Visit members and those who have visited your church for the first time.
13. Exhort the church



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