

Called to Minister

I. Ministry – What Is It?

A. Old Testament:

1. Three Primary words:

a)

b)

c)

2. DEFINITION: - In the sense it is most widely used, the Old Testament word “minister” means _____.

B. New Testament:

1. Three Primary Words

a)

b)

c)

2. DEFINITION: - In the sense it is most widely used the New Testament word “ministry” means _____.

C. The fundamental meaning of the concept of “ministry” is **not** a calling to a _____.

II. Two-fold calling to minister. To _____ and to _____.

A. First to _____ – _____

1. Through _____

2. Through _____

B. Then to _____ – _____

III. Ministry – How?

A. Out of _____.

B. Out of ministry _____.

1. Inverting the order results in _____.

2. Ezekiel 44:

GOD IS PREPARING YOU BUT FOR WHAT?

Consider and write answers to the following questions to help clarify what the Lord might be saying to you or leading you as you examine more carefully the service (or ministry) you are called to:

1. Your abilities – write freely with no fear of someone judging your response.
 - a. What you think are your abilities.
 - b. What others' say are your abilities.

2. Your interests – what you like to do, what you enjoy most – whether or not you feel you are qualified or good at it.

3. Your extreme dislikes in terms of interests – what do you dread having to do? Why?

4. Do you think God is preparing you for leadership or to be one who will be a support to leaders? Explain.

5. Do you work best with things or people?

6. Are you more gifted at mental challenges or physical challenges?

7. If you could offer your life to serve in any particular way, without regard to finances, qualification, ability or permission, what would it be?

8. Describe your childhood in one sentence.

9. Describe your non-Christian spiritual involvement in one sentence (e.g. I was a Mormon or I practiced TM or Etc.)

10. Describe your church background in one sentence.

11. How can you see God's grace currently overriding your personal and human limitations?

12. Briefly describe unusual experiences in the natural realm.

13. Briefly describe unusual experiences in the spiritual realm.

14. What gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor 12) do you now flow in? Which others do you have a desire to flow in? Why?

15. What fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5) are the most well developed in your life? Which are the ones you struggle with the most?

16. What unreached or unsaved people group do you find you have the most compassion for? (e.g. Orientals, bikers, abused women, etc.)

17. What is the BIG thing that holds you back from giving yourself in service to the Lord and/or to your neighbour?

18. Has the Lord revealed bits and pieces of His vision for your future? Briefly, write down what He has showed you so far.

19. In what way has the Lord spoken to you through this assignment?