

Welcome to the Ministry

If you are born again, you are called to the Ministry. You may or may not be called to the five fold ministry of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor or Teacher, but as a child of God you are a member of the ministry. Every child of God comes into the ministry of reconciling the world to God.

2 Corinthians 5:18

Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

As a part of the ministry of reconciling the world to God, you must be "able" to convey the truth of the Gospel of Grace in a knowledgeable manner.

2 Corinthians 3:6

who also made us adequate *as* servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

This ministry to which all Believers are called is a ministry of representing the Father in bringing Kingdom of God rule to the earth. It is His will.

Matthew 6:10

'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

In fact your ministry of reconciliation, fulfilled in representing the Father in matters pertaining to the Kingdom, has a title, Ambassador.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

Now all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,¹⁹ namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

This ministry of reconciling the world to God, includes the work of populating the Kingdom with citizens, which Messiah called Disciples.

Matthew 28:18-19

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

To spearhead this discipling process, God set ministry gifts in the household of faith to mentor, train, equip and send out ministers of reconciliation, who would raise up more disciples of the Anointed Redeemer.

Ephesians 4:11-17

And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 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 fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. ¹⁷ So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind,

This mentoring of mentors, becomes a process of duplication through discipleship.

2 Timothy 2:2

The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

It is the Believers responsibility to realize that, as a Believer, you are in the ministry. You have a call of God, to do a job, to produce an end result.

This great and divine task will require the renewing of the mind, both to the task before you and the equipping necessary to respond to the call. Your mind must be washed by the Word of the New Covenant to clearly see what God has assigned you to do.

Romans 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

It is a process of learning that allows you to see yourself, as God sees you.

Most people who come to God, have a wrong view, picture or image of themselves. How you see yourself will greatly affect your ability to represent the Father to the world.

By way of example:

1. Abraham saw himself as a childless old man:

Genesis 17:17

Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to a man one hundred years old? And will Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

God however saw him as the Father of many people groups.

Genesis 17:19

But God said, "No, but Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.

2. Saul (Paul) saw himself as a judge of religion and a persecutor of converts to Jesus.

Acts 7:58

When they had driven him out of the city, they *began* stoning *him*; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

Acts 9:1-2

Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, ² and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

God saw Saul as Paul, an Apostle born out of season.

Acts 9:3-8

As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; ⁴ and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He *said*, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting, ⁶ but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do." ⁷ The men who traveled with him

stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.

3. Gideon pictured himself as least in his father's house.

Judges 6:15

He said to Him, "O Lord, how shall I deliver Israel? Behold, my family is the least in Manasseh, and I am the youngest in my father's house."

But God saw a mighty man of valor, when He looked at Gideon.

Judges 6:12

The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior."

It is incumbent upon a Believer, to change their way of thinking of themselves, from the natural view to the godly view. To see themselves as God sees them, is a prerequisite to being used.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.

God has a plan for your life. A good plan. A God plan. A plan that draws you into His purpose.

John the Baptist may have had a strange wardrobe, he may have had a different diet, but he saw himself in the Word.

Isaiah 40:3

A voice is calling,

**"Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness;
Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.**

Jesus was rejected in His own home town, and did not appear to be a team player. But from the first message He delivered, it was easy to see, He saw Himself in the Word.

Isaiah 61:1-2

**The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
Because the LORD has anointed me
To bring good news to the afflicted;**

**He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to captives
And freedom to prisoners;
² To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,**

You may see yourself as insignificant. Others around you may fail to assess your true worth. But God sees you as a conqueror, in His family.

Develop a Word of the New Covenant view of yourself. Enlarge your thinking to become more effective in Kingdom of God operations.

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people perish...

More accurately, it would be rendered, where people do not see things God's way, do not accept divine guidance, they are cut off from what actually belongs to them.

People are often confused in their attempts to grasp the things of God. Always look for God's direction, not just His manifestation.

When Moses was presented with the phenomenon of a bush on fire, but not consumed by the fire, what was of greater importance, the bush, the fire or the message?

The message was, God can take the natural, put the supernatural on it, and not destroy the natural in the process. Literally, "if God is for you, what can possibly be against you?" God sees you winning, reconciling and ruling, in Him

The same God who put supernatural, non consuming fire on a bush, and allowed no harm, can fill you with His presence and power, so others see the anointing in and on you, for His service.

Romans 8:29-31

For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.

³⁰And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into

right standing with Himself). And those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being].

³¹What then shall we say to [all] this? If God is for us, who [can be] against us? [Who can be our foe, if God is on our side?]

If a person is called to God, they are called of God, to the ministry of reconciling the world to Him.

You may have fallen short in the past, you may have lived beneath the qualifying mark of His high calling, but though you were unworthy in self, you are made worthy by His great love, with which He loved you.

1 Corinthians 6:11

Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

God calls a person to Himself, he makes them adequate for the task and He leads them to a person or place to be "equipped" for His work.

2 Corinthians 3:4-6

Such is the reliance and confidence that we have through Christ toward and with reference to God.

⁵Not that we are fit (qualified and sufficient in ability) of ourselves to form personal judgments or to claim or count anything as coming from us, but our power and ability and sufficiency are from God.

⁶[It is He] Who has qualified us [making us to be fit and worthy and sufficient] as ministers and dispensers of a new covenant [of salvation through Christ], not [ministers] of the letter (of legally written code) but of the Spirit; for the code [of the Law] kills, but the [Holy] Spirit makes alive.

God calls you, qualifies you, grants you His right standing and leads you to where you can be conformed to the image of His Son. You may be a clay pot, but His presence in you, gives value, for His ministry.

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves;

Begin to see yourself growing and developing in Him. See yourself filled with His Word and power. See yourself as a frontrunner, touching the lives of others, for His good will.

See yourself through God's eyes. His Word about you, is His perspective on you.