

## “Ministry”

Every soul that comes to Christ receives a ministry, **a calling to serve**. Not all are called to preach; but all **are called to minister**. Jesus himself said, you call me Master, and Lord and so” I Am.” Jesus acknowledged that “He is Lord”. But then He made this statement, **If I being your Master**, wash your feet then you ought also to wash one another's feet! Jesus said the **servant is not above** his Master.

Jesus gave us **“an example”** by Himself, His actions, how we as Christians should conduct ourselves! Jesus said I came not to be ministered unto; but to minister. He came not to be served but to serve us-His creation.

### **The definition of a minister means to serve or be a servant to others.**

It is not just the Pastor that is a Minister; yes he is placed as a shepherd to watch for your soul, but God expects every Saint of God to minister to His body, which is the Church--- It is everyone's calling, everyone is accountable to God. God expects us to serve one another, to lift up one another.

Church, be not amazed at the fiery trial that is to try your faith! All that will live Godly will suffer persecution. It is not an easy calling to minister, to serve. Jesus said, He that will save his life shall lose it, but he that will lose his life for the Gospel's sake shall save it. If we are willing to give our hearts and life to Jesus to put him first, to deny our flesh, our selfish, self centered desires; to crucify this carnal man, then we shall inherit eternal, everlasting life in Him.

**II Corinthians 4: 1-18** Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

- 8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;  
9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;  
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.  
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.  
12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.  
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;  
14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.  
15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.  
16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.  
17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;  
18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Apostle Paul **expounded** to the Church—words of encouragement to minister and **faint not—do not give up!** It is not an easy calling to minister, to serve. This is our **hope, our reward** for **ministering** to one another in Christ's stead. Knowing that He, that raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus. If **we faint not—and keep the faith!** Have we resisted unto the shedding of our blood in resisting sin?

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ—we are God's Ministers, not only to His Church; but also ministers to the lost of this world. We are Jesus' hands, feet and mouth!