

SERMON NOTES



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“Our ministry is to honor God, help and bless other people, and build the church.”

Ministry Matters to God:

1. Created us.
2. Called us.
3. Gifted us.
4. Gave us a ministry to serve His purpose.
5. Make a difference with our life.

Jeremiah 1:5 (MSG)

⁵ “Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you: A prophet to the nations — that’s what I had in mind for you.”

- God knows all about us. He designed us.
- God shaped us for His purpose.
- God made us for a mission.
- Knowing your strengths stirs you to your destiny.
- Go to God to discover your ministry.

Psalms 139:13 – 16 (NCV)

¹³ You made my whole being; you formed me in my mother’s body.

¹⁴ I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way. What you have done is wonderful. I know this very well. ¹⁵ You saw my bones being formed as I took shape in my mother’s body. When I was put together there, ¹⁶ you saw my body as it was formed. All the days planned for me were written in your book before I was one day old.

- “Form” determines your “function.”
- Know why God made you and know your destiny.
- Know God’s plan and ministry.
- Your ministry matters to God and the church.

Every Person Has a Calling of:

1. Salvation
 2. Service
- We have been saved to serve.
 - Our service is for God's purpose.

2 Timothy 1:9 (AMP)

⁹For He delivered us *and* saved us and called us with a holy calling [a calling that leads to a consecrated life—a life set apart—a life of purpose], not because of our works [or because of any personal merit—we could do nothing to earn this], but because of His own purpose and grace [His amazing, undeserved favor] which was granted to us in Christ Jesus before the world began [eternal ages ago].

Our Ministry is to:

1. Honor God.
2. Help and bless other people.
3. Build the church.

1 Peter 4:10 (TLB)

¹⁰ God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.

- God gave us natural abilities, skills and talents.

How to Find Your Ministry:

1. Discover it!
 - What are you good at?
 - What do you enjoy to do?
 - Where do you get results and increase?
 - How you are wired is connected to your work.
 - Explore who you are and find your destiny.
2. Accept it!
 - God made us for a mission and a ministry.
 - Build on your strength that leads you to your destiny.

Romans 9:20 (JUB)

²⁰ Rather, O man, who art thou to reply against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus?

3. Use it!
 - When you use your calling – you are blessed!

Galatians 6:4 – 5 (MSG)

⁴⁻⁵ Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are the two callings that every person has?
2. What are the three ways to find your ministry?
3. What has God given you to fulfill your purpose and calling?