

SERVING JESUS CHRIST WITH YOUR SPOUSE

I. CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

1. The _____ for all Christian Ministry is your Salvation (Eph. 2:8-10), your Position in Christ (Rom. 6:6, 11-22) and God's Sufficient Grace (Rom. 12:1; 2Cor. 9:8; 1Tim. 1:12-16).
2. MINISTRY can be defined as "_____." Ministry is God working in you and through you to serve, assist, and help others.

"Ministry takes place when divine resources meet human needs through loving channels to the glory of God." Warren Wiersbe

Minister – (diakoneo) a verb meaning "to serve or meet the needs of another". (1Peter 4:10)

Ministry – (diakonia) a noun meaning "office or work of serving or ministering".

(2Cor. 4:1, 5:18; Eph. 4:12)

Serve – (douleuo) a verb meaning "to function as a servant or slave to another". (Gal. 5:13)

3. Your primary _____ of ministry/service is always the Lord Jesus Christ.
(1Cor. 6:19-20; Gal. 1:10; Col. 3:23-24; James 1:1; 2Pet. 1:1)
4. Your secondary object of ministry/service is _____. (Gal. 6:1-2, 10; Titus 3:8, 14)
 - A. _____ to the lost is a responsibility and privilege for all believers.
(Mark 16:15, Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:1-4; 2Cor. 5:19-21)
 - B. _____ is the will of God and a great privilege for all believers.
(2Cor. 5:14-15; 1Thess. 3:12; 1Pet. 1:22; 1John 4:11)
 - What is in your heart?
 - Who is our great example of a servant?
 - What impact can you have on others as a fellow believer in Christ?

II. MINISTERING TO OTHERS WITH YOUR SPOUSE

1. Ministering to Others as a Husband-Wife Team.

A. _____ for others.
(Romans 1:9; Eph. 3:14-19; Col. 1:9-12, 4:2-4, 12; James 5:15-16)

B. Set time aside to _____ others.
(Rom. 1:10, 13, 15:23-24, 29, 32; 1Cor. 4:18-19, 16:5-7; 2Cor. 1:5, 12:14; Heb. 10:24-25; 1John 1:3)

- What are some easy ways to keep in touch with people?

C. Open your _____ to others. (Romans 12:13; 1Pet. 4:9-10)

- **Hospitality** = _____ (Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2)
- **Hospitable** = _____ (1Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8; 1Pet. 4:9-10)

Hospitality: Practical Advice and Warnings

- “Minister” (1Pet. 4:10) – it is the Lord’s house, let Him use it
- Pray about a good time
- Pray about “who” to invite
- Do Not over prepare the meals
- Do not only invite familiar people
- Do not over commit

D. _____ during times of need or crisis.
(Acts 6:1-8, 9:36-39; Romans 12:13; Gal. 6:1-2; 2Cor. 1:4)

- What are some times others need help and comfort?

E. _____ the unruly, _____ the fainthearted, _____ the weak and
_____ to all. (1Thess. 5:14-15)