

A LIFE DESIGNED FOR MINISTRY

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Gospel pushback against culture and then another pushback against culture.

As Christians, we've given too narrow of a definition of ministry.

In the Greek language used in the New Testament, the term ministry always centers on acts of service to others. It sometimes carries the more powerful connotation of servitude or slavery to God. So ministry implies a sense of being duty-bound to work under God's authority as His loyal servant.

Ministry is simply what we do for God.

You will do ministry if you are doing anything for God.

I Corinthians 10:31

Colossians 3:23

Acts 6

“But God the Creator has uniquely designed each of us to function in ways that bring us purpose and significance.”
- Todd Wilson

The gospel makes us purposeful.

If we're not doing ministry, we are not doing life on purpose.

You are all called to ministry.

Cultivate an atmosphere where fruit grows in abundance.

The fruit of the Spirit. Galatians 5:23

Assess your life.

We cannot turn ministry off and on.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.

Pray and ask to see people the way God sees people.

Love:

In a world where it's first reaction is justice, love is most important. In order to love well, we can't think about the agenda, the outcome or the way we were treated.

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If you see them the way Jesus sees them, you can't help but love.

Joy:

Nobody wants what you have if you're walking around irritated and frustrated.

If you want people to want Jesus, you have to reflect Jesus. There is a joy that comes from the hope of knowing Who he is and what He did for us and how much we don't deserve it.

You can have joy in the right now because you know your future.

Walk around exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit which is abundant joy.

Peace:

Peace is the byproduct of trust.

When you trust God rightly, you will have peace.

When we trust God, we will find peace.

Patience:

Everyone, everything.

Our world does not model patience.

Doing ministry will have to do with people. When you love people, patience will be required.

If it's hard to be patient, you're expecting more or faster results.

Kindness:

Kindness is seeing someone's soul and understanding that they will spend eternity somewhere and pointing them to Jesus.

Ministry is not just the little things. It's the big act of being kind for the purpose of people finding Jesus.

Faithfulness:

What happens when obedience is prioritized.

When the most important thing is to be obedient, faithfulness will happen.

Open hands.

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Gentleness:

If you want to stand out, be gentle.

Care about others deeply.

Handle with care - which sometimes means holding them accountable and saying hard things.

Be gentle in your spirit.

Self-Control:

Our world is desperate for self-control.

Ministry is your service to God, but there will be a lot of people in line for your service.

Ministry is not just saying yes, it's also saying no.

Sometimes self control is to stop us.

Ministry is for others. The fruit that we bear is for others. An apple treat doesn't eat its' own apple.

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