

12. What is Your Ministry?

Do you have a ministry? It doesn't have to be anything big. You don't have to be a preacher or a missionary traveling the world to have a great ministry. Though those ministries are awesome, we can have our behind the scenes personal ministries. Sometimes these ministries can feel small and unimportant, but if that's where Jesus put you, it is very significant and valuable.

The Lord has given each and every one of us gifts in the spirit for certain ministries (**Scriptures 1 – We All Have Our Gifts**). The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 12 that different people have different gifts. Whatever gift you have been blessed with; you should use in your ministry. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Your ministry doesn't necessarily have to be a great sacrifice, though any sacrifices you make for your ministries pleases God.

Jesus wants us to do good work for His glory (**Scriptures 2 – Do Good Works and Serve Others**). Everything we do in our ministry should be for God and about God. If all you're doing is good deeds (just to be nice), and not doing it for Jesus, then it might not be considered a ministry. It's just good deeds. Our goal in our ministries should always be to lead people to Jesus.

I have an example of one of my personal ministries the Lord blessed me with. I was working full-time for a municipality. Through the years, I managed to save up a lot of leave time. When fellow employees would run out of all their leave time (usually a serious illness was involved), they could send out a notice asking for donations of leave time. The Lord blessed me with the ability to donate some hours. And as I filled out the donation forms, I would pray for that employee. So it turned into a ministry of giving, helping, and praying.

After I retired, I started this website (jenaministries.com). I can express my ideas and testimonies much better in writing. Giving testimonies in person face to face is not a gift the Lord has given me. This website has been an awesome way for me to express my beliefs and give my testimonies. And it also helps keep me in study of His word and my relationship with Him in my mind. In my website, I can see every day which articles were viewed and what City/State/Country the visitor was in when they viewed the article. I try make it a point to pray for all the visitors each day according to what article they viewed. I have an average of a couple views every day, so I'm praying for someone almost every day; and I'll probably be praying for you and your personal ministry soon.

So, what is your ministry? What gifts has the Lord blessed you with? What good works do you do for the Lord? Does your way of life please God? Could you maybe do more?

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Scriptures 1 - We All Have Our Gifts

Romans 12:3-8 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Scriptures 2 - Do Good Works and Serve Others

Hebrews 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

John 13:12-17 When he (Jesus) had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2 Timothy 4:5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.