

# jenaministries – Part 2 – Bible Study Worksheet

## B) Serving & Witnessing - Worksheet

**Read:** Part 2 #12) What is Your Ministry?

Part 2 #13) Will I Know What to Say?

1. What are your spiritual gifts? Do you feel comfortable using them?

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2. Has God given you personal unique ministries? What are they?

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3. Has the Holy Spirit ever led you to witness to someone? What form of communication did you use? Do you get responses from those witnessed to?

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4. Why should we not worry about what to say when God leads us to witness?

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## 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?

## jenaministries – Part 2 - 12. What Is Your Ministry?

### 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.

### 13. Will I Know What to Say?

Has the Lord ever nudged you to go speak to a person about Jesus, but you didn't know what to say? Those are the best testimonies. The ones that we have to rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance.

These days, we don't even have to approach a person physically. We can speak through email, social media, texts, and many more. But even so, if we're led to give testimony, it sometimes is difficult to know what to say.

The Apostle Paul explained in 1 Corinthians (**Scripture 1 - Paul Relied on Holy Spirit**) that he came to their people in great fear and trembling. And his message and preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that their faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. So even Paul didn't always know what he was going to say, but trusted the Holy Spirit to lead.

The Holy Spirit is our connection to Jesus and God the Father (**Scriptures 2 – Holy Spirit Teaches and Reminds Us**). Jesus explained that the Holy Spirit, who God the Father sends to us, will teach us all things and will remind us of everything Jesus had said (for us, that would be everything we read or studied in the Holy Bible).

I'm so thankful that I don't live in a country where it is illegal to witness or teach about Jesus. From what I've heard, there are people in this world today who face executed for that. Jesus spoke about that in Mark 13 and Matthew 10 (**Scriptures 3 – Don't Worry What to Say**). Jesus said not to worry about what to say before the authoritative people, for the Holy Spirit will speak through you.

When I first started this website, I wrote about past experiences for my personal testimonies. I didn't rely on the Holy Spirit to give me what to say since they were all from memory. But now that I am on my 28<sup>th</sup> article, I am at the point where I write about my present and I now rely on the Holy Spirit to guide me. My goal is to write two new articles every month, and so far, I have accomplished that. I am now continually praying for a new idea and testimony to write about. And the Holy Spirit has not let me down.

If you're afraid or feel uncomfortable to approach people about Jesus, let the Holy Spirit guide you with strength and wisdom. The Holy Spirit is real and is alive today, working through all who believe and trust. God faithfully gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who asks for it. You can trust Him. The more you walk with Jesus, the more you learn to trust Him, for He is faithful.

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## Scripture 1 - Paul Relied on Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

## Scriptures 2 - Holy Spirit Teaches and Reminds Us

John 14:26 (Jesus said) But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Acts 1:8 (Jesus said) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people!

Acts 10:45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.

## Scriptures 3 - Don't Worry What to Say

Mark 13:11 (Jesus said) Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 10:18-20 (Jesus said) On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time, you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.