



Minister2Minister

Greetings GMN Ministers! I trust that all of us are daily walking out our destiny in Christ. Remember that destiny is fulfilled over a lifetime, not over an individual ministry experience or action.

There are a few questions I would like us to think about today.

1. What is a minister?
2. Who is a minister?
3. How do we minister?

I believe the first question is based on an improper premise. It assumes that the word minister is primarily a noun. If we are not careful we start out with a faulty foundation or premise. In the scriptures, minister was used far more often as a verb signifying action, then as a noun, signifying position. A minister is far more closely related to a servant, than a prestigious title. What do you say to this, let's all become better ***"ministers"***.

The second question is rather easy to answer. Here is what II Corinthians 3:6 says, ***"Who has made us able ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter, for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life."*** All of us have a calling and a capacity to minister right where we are. We do not need to be given a position or a title. We have a commission and a mandate.

The third question is more sensitive to address. I am not talking about technique, voice inflection, or preaching vs. teaching. We must minister out of relationship rather than just out of gifting. The core of our ministry must be a revelation of the Father's love for us as a person. Our worth as a person is not to be derived from our ministry to people. Psychologists call this a performance-oriented personality. We must learn to separate our performance from our identity and realize that God's love and delight in us has nothing to do with our work or performance. These are wise words spoken by Chip Ingram in his book, "God, As He Longs for You to See Him."

We would all do well to remember that our identity is not in a position with man, but in our position in Christ. Remain in Him as you minister.

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