

“Mmm Mmm Good, Ministry !”

Ministry Done Right!

Acts 8:4-25

God’s Work is distinct in it’s :

I. **The Map & Movement** (Verses 4- 5, 14)

Ministry can be traced on a :

A. **Map – Where does it happen?**

1. Starts small and expands
 - Samaria was the next natural(super) step
2. Knows no boundaries – hometowns, states,
3. countries, races, languages, occupations

B. **Movement – How do I know where to Go?**

1. Persecution or Bad Times – promotes missionary activity
2. Being Sent by Spiritual Leaders
3. Confirmation by the Holy Spirit – Your abilities, ie. Gifts, and your arena of ministry. “Some say, Oh I just wish I could be so lucky to have such a ministry.” Remember the only Biblical OK definition is understanding that this kinda of Luck is “When Preparedness meets Opportunity”

II. **The Meaning & Measure** (Verses 6-8)

What Ministry implies something with:

A. **Meaning – What does Ministry really Do for for people?**

>> Webster says Ministry means: to serve, to give aid

1. Philip went – Often Requires travel
2. The City – reminds us that Ministry Requires People
3. Preaching, Proclaiming – Obviously requires us to talk or speak up – Remember God’s Word provides the vocabulary
4. Good News – Ministry is to be good news to those who are hurting and in need -

B. **Measure – How can We measure Success?**

1. When Chaos and Turmoil is turned into Order and Peace
2. When Brokenness and Paralysis is turned into Wholeness and Lively Hopefulness
3. When Mundane Activity is exchanged for Joyful and Purposeful Behavior
4. When Bondage and Powerlessness is exchanged for Freedom and the Power of Divine Adoption and Association

III. **The Message & Motivation** (Verses 9-18 7-20, 24)

Ministry is dependent on the:

A. Message – What is at the forefront?

1. Proclaiming Christ – “ He is the Messiah”
Preaching the Good News – Jesus came to seek and save the Lost
2. Pleading for change = Receive Ye the Word of God

**** The Content of the Message must remain the Word of God ++ It proclaims the Son of God, Jesus the Savior
It is the Word of God that brings Salvation, and Hope**

B. Motivation – What Drives You??

1. Obedience – Great Commission – “As you are going, ...
2. The Holy Spirit – Don’t Quench His Leading
3. God’s Love Shed Abroad in Your Heart and towards people in need
 - >> Do we see Physical needs – Like the paralyzed
 - >> Do we see Spiritual needs – Like the demon possessed, no Gospel, no Savior, no Joy
4. To be a part in God’s big Plan that will go on for all eternity. (Eternal Perspective)

Ministry gives us opportunity to have real purpose in life and have an eternal focus

IV. **The Misfits and Mockeries** (Verses 18-25)

Ministry is no place for:

A. Misfits – Why?

- We are not fit for ministry until we have something to share. (Illustrate with M&M bag, Ask Someone if they given someone some M&M’s) No, They had not received them, how could they share them.
- Disciples were not fit at first, Why. 1. Unregenerate 2. No Power – Holy Spirit
- Ephesians 2:10 comes after 8-9

B. Mockery – Why?

- Ministry is looking at the interest of others –
- Ministry is not an illusion but substance, not Trickery but Truth, Truth produces Hope = Ministry
- Ministry is not about personal Acclaim, but about the Glory of God
- Ministry is not about Personal Profit but about Eternal Riches
- C. Counterfeit – Simon
 - Belief is not enough – ,Faith involves trusting, Satan and demons believe
 - Baptism is not enough- Only makes you wet, It is meant to be an outward sign of an inward reality
 - Spiritual benefits cannot be bought – One must realize they are all by Grace, Salvation and the Spiritual Life
 - Our Spiritual life is Our Individual Responsibility