

Christ-like Ministry

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

Main Point:

Christ-like ministry is genuine, gentle, and godly; therefore, follow the example of Paul and minister to others in this way.

1. Like Paul, you are called by God to minister to others.
2. Your ministry should be genuine.
3. Your ministry should be gentle.
4. Your ministry should be godly.
5. Because this is what Christ-like ministry looks like.

Cross-References and Quotations

Matthew 28:19 ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations ... (NKJV)

Ephesians 4:11-13 ¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; (NKJV)

Andrew Young "A self-giving spirit is the mark of a genuine spiritual ministry. Christians should not serve in order to get, be it wealth, power or popularity. They should rather be ready to give in order to serve."

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 ¹ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. (NKJV)

John Owen "If a man teach uprightly and walk crookedly, more will fall down in the night of his life than he built in the day of his doctrine."