

HOW TO MINISTER TO OTHERS IN NEED Pt. 5

A. GRASPING the BIG PICTURE in MINISTRY.

B. GRASPING the SPECIFIC DETAILS in MINISTRY.

C. GRASPING Some PRINCIPLES When Ministering to Those in MOURNING.

1. Personal suffering and affliction are realities that are _____ in this life. (John 16:33; Psalm 34:19; Romans 8:18)

- Why is there suffering in this world?
- Why doesn't God eliminate all sin and suffering?
- Will all suffering one day be eliminated by God from the Heavens and the Earth? (Rev.21:1-4; 2 Peter 3:8-13)

2. God wants and is able to _____ those who are suffering, especially His people. (Psalm 23:4, 71:20-21, 86:17, 94:19, 119:76; Isa. 51:12, 66:13; 2 Cor.1:3-4)

- But what does His comfort mean and not mean?
- When is this comfort received? (2 Thess.2:16-17; Luke 16:22-25; 2 Cor.5:7-8)
- Do some people refuse to be comforted – whether believers or unbelievers? (Gen.37:35; Psalm 77:22)
- How does one receive the comfort of God? (Job 32:12; Heb.4:1-2; 1 Peter 5:7; Isa.26:3-4; 2 Cor.7:6-7)
- Can even those experiencing deserved suffering receive comfort from God? (2 Sam.12:22-24; Heb.12:11)

3. Real comfort is found in the _____ with His _____ & _____, not in detailed explanations. (Psalm 119:50,52,81-82; Isaiah 61:1-2; Matt.5:4; Rom.15:4; 1 Thess.4:13-18, 5:11)

- How does Satan want to use these times of loss, grief, and pain? (Job 1 & 2)

- In contrast, how does God want to use these times of affliction and grief in one's life? (Job 19:25-27, 23:10; Psalm 119:67,71; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 2 Cor.1:4, 8-11; Heb.11:6,11)

4. Remember that hurting people sometimes say some _____ statements during their time of grief. (Job 2:9, 3:1-13; John 11)

- Why are sometimes people 'disappointed' or embittered with God at these times? (Lam.3:21-27, 32-33)

5. Realize that _____ can get interesting in times of trial, grief, or death. (Gen.50:15-26)

- What can you expect during this time?

6. To be used of the Lord to comfort others, learn from Job's wife & the 3 'comforters' that:

- Your personal _____ may or may not be truly helpful.**
 - You must recognize the reality of _____ and that you may not have all the _____. (Job 4 – 37)**
- What is this difference?

7. To be used of the Lord to comfort others, rely upon the Lord and remind believers:

- Of the _____ of God. (Psalm 27:13-14; Rom.8:35-39; Heb.13:5)**
 - Of the _____ of God. (Rom.8:28-29; Gen.50:20; NASB Isa.25:1; Jer.29:11)**
 - Of the _____ of God. (2 Cor.3:5; Isa. 41:10, 13; Phil.4:13)**
 - Of the _____ of God. (Isa. 43:1-3; 2 Cor.12:9-10)**
 - Of your _____. (Jer.33:3; 2 Cor.1:11; James 5:16)**
- What are some effective ways to do this?