

Pastor Paul's Newsletter 8-12-23. Hope to see you at Sunday School at 9:45am; All ages invited. Tap arrow below to read. If you're out of town, tap this live link to watch by streaming at 10:45am Sunday

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## **We Are God's Ministers**

Every Christian has been called into the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ after they are born again. Now there are the five ministry gifts that have a special calling to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, and they are different. But every believer in Jesus has been called into the ministry for the Lord Jesus. Ministry is when divine provision meets human needs. Ministry is loving God and loving people. Ministry is witnessing to the world God's desire for them. Our Father God has a mission for everyone in His family to help Him meet the needs of this hurting humanity.

First of all, He wants us to grow up spiritually so that we can do His will on the earth. Let's look at these Scripture verses that show us the way He grows His children up.

Ephesians 4:11-16 NKJV 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; [14] that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, [15] but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-Christ- [16] from Whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Once a believer is equipped by these five ministry gifts, they are ready to minister to a world that is so desperately in need of them. I want to give you an illustration to show you how important it is for the Church to be equipped by the five ministry offices.

In our world we live in, there are babies being born every day. The parents of these babies have a great responsibility to help these children grow into prosperous adults. However, it's not just the parents that will bring these children to adulthood; many other people will come into their lives to teach and train them as well. When they get to be adults, they can help meet the needs of society.

When a person is born into God's family, they are born a baby that needs to grow up spiritually. Then they become ministers for their Father God in order to meet the needs of His family and the ones that will be coming into His family.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 KJV And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. [2] I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. [3] For ye are

yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

Paul was speaking to the Corinthians and telling them that they were babies in the Lord. This is why we have to grow up as Christians to do the work of our Father God. Now to grow up spiritually, it will take some suffering just like we have to suffer to grow up in the natural. For a person to start out as a baby and grow to be a high school graduate, there were many days in between when there was much suffering. It is the same way in spiritual growth. Let's look at these Scriptures that show this.

1 Peter 4:1-3 KJV Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; [2] That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. [3] For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

We are now living in the best time that has ever been in the Church. You might ask, "What do you mean? I see so much chaos?" Well, while there is chaos in this world, there are more spiritually-mature Christians on this earth than has ever been. God is training and equipping His Church for the next Christian revolution. We will see millions of people come to Jesus, then we will see Jesus coming in the clouds to catch us away!

I want to thank all of you faithful Christians that have allowed me to teach you and train you. We will see Jesus soon.

Love you,  
Pastor Paul

#### This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday Ezekiel 46

Tuesday Ezekiel 47

Wednesday Ezekiel 48

Thursday Daniel 1

Friday Daniel 2

Saturday Daniel 3

Sunday Daniel 4

STAY CONNECTED

\*\*Here is the link for The Christian Center app- - <http://my.itexttoday.net/apps/2323/8833/indexm.html>

\*\*If you need prayer, call our Prayer Line 580-704-0505

\*\*Singles will be eating after Services at ... to be announced

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES at 9:45am

Children — 6 months - 5th grade

Youth — 6th -12th grades

Young Singles/College & Career — 18-26 years of age - Eliav/Kim Nash

## ADULT CLASSES

\*Foundation 1 - Pastor Paul

\*Healing - Lester/Monica Witherspoon

\*Foundation 2 - Mike Wiggins

\*Marriage - Danny/Demetrice Williams

\*Faith - Mike Whitley

\*Prayer - Joe Cunningham

## UPCOMING:

\*\*\*Women's Aerobics Monday - Friday 10-11am.

\*\*\*Women's Discipleship: Thursday 5-6pm under balcony

\*\*\*Horse Ministry Saturday 10am-1pm

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily

\* Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday 6:15-7:15am

\* Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Fri 10-11am in the Gym

\* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Fri 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on TCC app

Weekly

\* Sunday Services: 9:45 am classes; 10:45am Main Service

\* Monday Night Care Group: In Sanctuary under balcony 7pm

\* Wednesday night: Adult and Youth Services 7pm (Youth meet in Youth area)

\* Mobile Prayer: Fri 2-3:30pm Hobby Lobby parking lot

\* Friday Night Prayer: 7pm in Sanctuary under balcony

#### Monthly

\* Crosses at the Corner: 1st Saturday 11am-1pm corner of Sheridan and Cache Rd.

\* Women's Meeting: 2nd Saturday 9am in Fellowship Hall

\* Women's Discipleship: 3rd Thursday 5pm in Sanctuary

\* Horse Ministry:

3rd Saturday 10am -1 pm at Camp Faith