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Zec 8:16 These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;
1Co 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts

“What most people are seeking is someone to understand them ...”

I. Types of personal ministry
   A. Ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:17-18)
      1. Empowered and authorized to minister the Good News
   B. Ministry of counseling (wisdom/ knowledge/ discernment –gifts of the Holy Spirit)
      1. Empowered to know the mind and will of God
      2. Empowered to bring know and understand of the mind and will of God
      3. Empowered to set people at liberty
         a) From people
         b) From spirits
         c) From wrong thinking
   C. Ministry of healing – Laying on of hands
      1. Inner healing (heart – damaged soul)
      2. Physical healing

II. Basis of Authority to minister
   A. All Believers
      Mr 16:17-18 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.
   B. Greater works (not larger or more profound but the abundance of people doing the works)
      Joh 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.
   C. It is each Believers role to minister to others. The “five-fold ministry” teaches us how to minister both with knowledge and performance

“What Christians are always trying to enter a room they are already in” -Watchman Nee-

III. You ARE already a Minister
   Eph 4:11-12 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,
   A. It is the body’s function to “work ministry” and “edify other believers”
   B. Trying to become something you already are only brings frustration.
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C. We already have the revelation in us, we already have power in us, we already have authority in us.

D. Let the Holy Spirit accomplish what He wants to do by drawing on what you already have IN YOU.

E. Twelve –Seventy- One Hundred Twenty – Three Thousand

Mt 10:5-8 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Lu 10:1-2 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

F. Believers responsibility to teach & instruct others in the ways of the Kingdom (not the five fold ministry)

Heb 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers (doctors or masters), you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

G. We have been given authority by Jesus

Mark 13:34 It (the Kingdom of God) is like a man (Jesus) going to a far country, who left his house(Body of Christ) and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work (healing, etc.), and commanded the doorkeeper to watch.

H. Jesus commanded US to heal he sick

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, "teaching THEM to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age," Amen.

I. Just like Peter you already have been given power to minister to needs of others

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give

It's NOT the many words we say, it is the confidence in the authority that we have in Christ which brings the manifestation.
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IV. Major points to effective personal ministry

A. You are not everyone’s minister
   “Advice not asked for is scorned” – Chaucer
   1. You will be viewed as a “judge”
   2. A minister is simply an “observer”
      a) Observing people
      b) Observing the Holy Spirit

B. You can’t fix people!!!
   You only have influence! You just meet their need and give them the Word
   1. Trying to fix people only brings pain to you
   2. You can become part of the problem
   3. Jesus did not judge people when He ministered
      John 5:30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

C. You can become part of the issue by making a person dependent on you. Remember
   The goal is to set them free to follow God

D. Sympathy only enables people to continue in the same path.

E. It is God’s role to bring increase. You plant and another may water.
   1Co 3:5-6 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

F. God has made us all ‘Self-determined” and will not manipulate a person…He will, however, reason with us in order that we might see that His way is better. (i.e., longsuffering). We should do likewise.

G. You are being used by God to guide people to a place of rest and peace and helping to remove the burden
   Zec 8:16 These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;

H. Know that you are trying to reach people at the level of the heart to produce change

I. Life is full of adjustments! You are helping to bring a person to a life altering decision or adjustment.

J. Conflict always brings resolve! Conflict simply means there is opportunity for change of direction or thinking

K. What people believe in our heart (thinking) has produced the situation (fruit). You can’t go where you don’t think.
   Pr 23:7 For as he a man thinks in his heart, so is he.
   Jas 1:14-15 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires (thoughts) and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived (will to act), it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

L. A minister’s heart has to be established in the truth of God’s word in order to get God’s results
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M. It is truth at the level of the heart that causes set a person to be set at liberty – God’s truth!

*Joh 8:32* And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

*Zec 8:16* These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace;

N. What people are believing may not be truth but only THEIR perception of truth. (i.e., vain imagination).

1. They believe something that is counter to what God says.

2. Strongholds are torn down by the Word of God and the anointing breaking the yoke

*2Co 10:4* For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds

O. What a person is saying under pressure is what is in their heart

*Mt 12:34* Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

*Lu 6:45* A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

*Pr 27:19* As in water face reflects face, So a man's heart reveals the man.

*Pr 23:7* For as he thinks in his heart, so is he

P. Wrong thinking will produce bad fruit -this is the most common consideration in ministry

*Php 4:8* Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

*Mt 7:17-18* Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

*Mt 12:33* Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

Q. If judgment towards others is present in the heart even if it is justified, the root issue is likely unforgiveness or bitterness. Both are relationship based and the person is no longer walking in love. “I have been wronged and in need of justice.”

R. You are dealing sometimes with a “defiled person” (The heart has been corrupted). It takes time to tear down the strongholds and rebuild the attitude of the heart- maybe a extended time

*Tit 1:15* To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.

S. Finally and most importantly!

1. Learn to trust the Holy Spirit in you

2. Ask questions when you are not sure of the heart
V. Overview of Body, Soul & Spirit

1 Th 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. Spirit
1. Spirit is perfect already and protected (sealed)
   Col 2:10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power
   Also 2 Cor 1:22; Eps 1:13
2. It is that part that was created new (not refurbished or recreated) in the image of Jesus
   2 Cor 5:17, 1 John 4:17, 1 Jn 3:2
3. It is the “real” YOU

B. Soul
1. Our Soul is where our decision-making process occurs
2. It consists of our mind (thinking, decision-making), our will (ability choose as a self-determined entity) and our emotions (called “feelings” – they are influenced by our will)
3. Our Soul has been corrupted & damaged by living life in a corrupted creation
   a) by the lust of the eye
   b) By the lust of the flesh
4. By following the deception of the devil

C. Body
1. Our body is where our spirit and soul reside – It’s our “temporary earth suit”
2. It is also the temple of the Holy Spirit
   1 Cor 6:19; John 14:16
3. Our body is where our natural senses occur – touch, taste, sight, hearing. Natural senses is where we receive input from the natural world

D. What about the heart?
1. The heart is made up of our new spirit and our soul

ALL ministry is directed to restoring, healing, and directing the soul – more specifically the HEART
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Understanding Spirit / Soul / Body

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**SPIRIT**
- Perfected, Sealed & Sanctified
  (Cannot be corrupted)
- Holy Spirit

**SOUL**
- Thought INPUT for decisions from Senses
- Influenced by circumstances, people & environment in general
- Origin of Lust
- Reading, Hearing, Meditating on the Word of God

**MIND**
- Imagination
- Strongholds
- Reasoning
- Analytical Thought
- Creative Ability

**WILL**
- Free Moral Agent
- Self-Determination
- Decision Maker (Judge)

**EMOTIONS**
- "FEELINGS" Are AMORAL

**BODY**
- "Earthly Tent"
- Temple of the Holy Spirit
- Flesh

**Natural / Physical Realm**
- Sight
- Hearing
- Touch
- Taste
- Smell

**Supernatural / Spiritual Realm**
- Father
- Jesus
- Devil

**Soulish / Heart Realm**
- Holy Spirit
- People
- Devil
- Corruption in the World
- Lust of the Flesh
- Past Memories (Experiences)

**AREA OF CONFLICT**
(Battle is in the SOUL)

Ministry is directed to the Heart
/ Soul through the SENSES
VI. How Jesus ministered

A. Always ministered to every person He met
B. He was moved sometimes with compassion - other times He was not.
C. Talked personally with people
D. Physically touched people
E. Cried with people
F. Laughed with people
G. Rebuked, confronted, He was direct and assertive with people
H. He never used the same ministry approach or method twice
I. His results always brought healing, freedom, liberty to the recipients
J. As a shepherd he “led” others to green pastures (rest) and unburdened them (lightened there load by freeing them from condemnation & judgment)

Mt 11:28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

VII. The Ministry of Jesus (Anointing) on Jesus

Ac 10:38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Oppressed –forced dominion exercised over someone

Isa 11:2-5 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

Isa 61:1-3 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

Lu 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed, To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

VIII. Every Believer has the same anointing and authority as Jesus

1Jo 2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

A. preach the gospel to the poor
B. heal the brokenhearted
C. proclaim liberty to the captive
D. proclaim recovering of sight to the blind
IX. Personal Ministry deals with Self Concept / Self-Esteem

(what one’s heart believes and not what they think)

Pr 23:7 For as he (man) thinks in his heart, so is he.

A. We are 90% of what we have been told by others
   1. We live our lives out of who we think we are
   2. We live our lives by who other people think we are
   3. Or we live our lives by who God thinks we are
   4. “Sticks and stones” have the capability of breaking our bones

B. What is Self-Concept?
   1. A person's self-concept is his knowledge of FACTS about himself.
   2. Deals with received knowledge which may or may not be true
      (Good, bad, ugly, fat, failure, eloquent, smart, dumb, etc)

C. What is Self-Esteem?
   1. Self-esteem is the general attitude about what a person knows about themselves.
   2. Self-esteem is measured as mostly positive to negative or good or bad.
   3. Based on whether YOU THINK you are successful, a good person, smart, and so on.
   4. Varies depending on the situation and pressures of life and recent feedback from others.

D. Key Difference between Self-Concept & Self-Esteem
   1. The key difference between self-concept and self-esteem is that the addition of feelings.
   2. Self-concept is informational facts whether they be true or false
   3. Self-esteem is “how a person feels” about what they know.

E. Similarities between Self-Concept and Self-Esteem
   1. Both Self-concept and self-esteem are reflective processes of the heart
   2. They can be influenced not only by observing one's own self and behavior objectively, but also by observing the reactions that other people have to you and your behavior, or imagining what other people might think of you, or what you would think of yourself if you saw yourself from outside.

F. In Spiritual Ministry we are dealing with “Self-concept” or how a person evaluates the facts but from God’s point of view
   1. How a person relates to God and to others is directly linked to what they believe about themselves

“No one can find full life without feeling understood by at least one person. Misunderstood, he loses his faith in life, or even God. One does not come to know themselves through introspection, or in the solitude of their personal diary. Those who would see themselves clearly must open up to a confidant who is freely chosen and worthy of such trust.” – Paul Tounier “To Understand Each Other”
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G. Ministry addresses WHO, WHAT & WHY I AM so I can better relate to God and to others
   1. “WHO am I?” is where we receive sense of belonging

   Eph 1:6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the 
   Beloved.
   Ro 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.
   Ro 8:29-30 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of 
   His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He 
   predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He 
   justified, these He also glorified.

   2. “WHAT am I?” is where we find our worth or value

   Mt 13:45-46 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful 
   pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and 
   bought it.
   Mt 6:26 "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; 
   yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?
   Mt 10:31 "Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

   3. “WHY am I?” is our purpose or reason for life

   Eph 1:12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.
   Joh 15:8 "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My 
   disciples.
   Joh 15:16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go 
   and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain,

X. A Biblical approach is the only way to effectively minister to the Complete Man

   A. The minister’s heart has to be established in the truth of God’s word in order to get God’s 
   results.
   B. The Word of God is Truth absolute

      1. What God says is truth

         Ps 119:160 The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments 
         endures forever.
         Joh 17:17 "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.
         Ps 18:30 As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield 
         to all who trust in Him.
         Ps 33:4 For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth. For the word 
         of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth.
         Ps 119:140 Your word is very pure; Therefore Your servant loves it.

      2. Principles and absolutes are found in scripture; Methods are not!

         2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for 
         reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
         Ps 89:34 My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.
         Ps 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

      3. “One size doesn’t fit all”

      4. Opinions do not minister to people it may only burden them further
C. The Holy Spirit leads us into truth

**Joh 16:13** “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

D. Psychology & Philosophy vs. the Spiritual

1. Psychology
   a) The science that deals with mental processes and behavior.
   b) The emotional and behavioral characteristics of an individual, group, or activity:
   c) Subtle tactical action or argument **used to manipulate** or influence another: *He used poor psychology on his employer when trying to make the point.*
   d) Manipulation of others is not ministry – it is witchcraft (control)

2. Philosophy.
   a) The branch of metaphysics that studies the soul, the mind, and the relationship of life and mind to the functions of the body

3. Neither Psychology or Philosophy addresses the Spiritual sided of Man or the “Complete Man” so as to heal & restore the soul /heart

XI. Levels of Communication

A. **Level 1** – Clichés (such as greetings, “How are you?”)

B. **Level 2** – Information (facts or gossip)

C. **Level 3** – Opinions (judgments and personal ideas)

D. **Level 4** Feelings (emotions)

E. **Level 5** – (EMPATHY –to perceive as the other person perceives)

1. EMPATHY – “The ability to understand another person’s circumstances, point of view, thoughts, and feelings. When experiencing empathy, you are able to understand someone else’s internal experiences

2. EMPATHY – “the action of understanding, being aware of, being sensitive to, and vicariously experiencing the feelings, thoughts, and experience of another of either the past or present without having the feelings, thoughts, and experience fully communicated in an objectively explicit manner”

3. EMPATHY is the highest form of communication

4. Sometimes called “gut level” communication

5. Four rules of EMPATHY communication

   a) No judging
   b) No advice or opinions unless asked for
   c) All feelings are human, amoral, neither good nor bad. They are just felt.
   d) Be spontaneous about feelings. Be real.
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XII. Hearing vs. Listening

A. Hearing – Be careful how you hear
   1. Hearing is gaining information for one’s self
   2. Hearing is determined by what is going on the inside of me
   3. What effect is the conversation having on me
   4. It is a “sensing” that may or may not have and emotional attached

B. Listening
   1. Caring for and being empathetic towards what is going on in someone else
   2. What is the effect of my “attentiveness” on the other person
   3. The one talking has the full attention of the one listening.

C. Three parts to true listening
   1. Not thinking of how to respond when the other person stops talking
   2. Making no judgments about what is being said and how it is being stated
   3. Active listening is engaged in someone other than themselves
   4. Active listening is the ability to reinstate accurately both the content and the feeling of what is being communicated

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“Where you prepare yourself is where you are used”.
When you prepare yourself in an area, then that is the area where God will bring people to you.
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XIII. Other Considerations in Personal Ministry

A. Initially people may be slow to reveal their heart. Be patient, listen, no judgments. They may have to overcome shame or guilt to talk honestly. May have to comfort first before the real issues surface.

B. Remember they are opening their heart to you and running the risk of rejection, ridicule or condemnation.

C. Actively listening lets them know you are interested and are empathizing

D. Be continually attentive to what you are hearing on the inside of or yourself (Holy Spirit – wisdom, knowledge, discernment – the “knowing” gifts)

E. How was the person motivated to seek ministry? Was someone else motivating them? Goes to a predisposition of the heart of how they will receive.

F. How many times has the person sought ministry or counsel? Reveals where there heart may currently be – nothing has worked before so the expectation may be low

G. How does the person see their issue? Is it current or something in the past?

H. What outcome does the person expect? Can’t minister to differing expectations. “Can’t lead people where they don’t want to go”. Don’t force the issues. Ministry is sometimes like pealing back an onion to get to the heart.

I. If the issue is physical, is the person under medical treatment?
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J. Is the person married? What effect does the spouse have on the issues being dealt with. People many times will “parrot” the influences of others and present them as something they believe. May or may not be true.

XIV. Guiding Principles of Personal Ministry

A. Knowing when to speak and when to listen

Ec 3:7 A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak;
Pr 19:20 Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days.
Pr 11:12 He who is devoid of wisdom despises his neighbor, But a man of understanding holds his peace.
Pr 17:27 He who has knowledge spares his words, And a man of understanding is of a calm spirit.
Pr 29:20 Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

B. Listening

Pr 18:13 He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him.
Jas 1:19-20 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

C. Relying on the Power of God to know how to respond

Pr 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.
Pr 15:28 The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.

D. Maintaining a genuine interest and love

Pr 27:9 Ointment and perfume delight the heart, And the sweetness of a man's friend gives delight by hearty counsel.

E. Timing

Pr 15:23 A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!

F. Keeping Confidences – being a trusted person

Pr 11:13 A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.
Pr 20:19 He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; Therefore do not associate with one who flatters with his lips.
Pr 21:23 Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.

G. Saying the right words

Pr 25:11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold In settings of silver.

H. Helping and edifying

Ro 14:19 Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.
Ga 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
Heb 3:13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

I. Encouraging
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Pr 12:25 Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.

1Th 5:11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

J. Being involved and empathic

Ro 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

Ga 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

K. Teaching and admonishing – willing to confront things that are wrong or need warning

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

1Th 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

Ro 15:1 ¶ We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

L. Being honest

Pr 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Pr 28:23 He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward Than he who flatters with the tongue.

Pr 27:5 Open rebuke is better Than love carefully concealed.

M. Accept the person but reject to fault

Ga 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

XV. As a minister our heart has to be trained to walk confidently in authority

A. Get it resolved in our heart that the Word of God “says what it means and it means what it says”

B. We are train our heart through the renewing or our mind to what the Word of God says.

C. The Word of God has to become more real in our heart than what the natural senses tell us.

XVI. The Heart of the Minister

A. The Minister’s heart

1. Be careful what you allow to enter your heart as you minister. Stay focused on the truth of the Word of God. (What you hear can move your heart from truth.)

Proverbs 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

It has been said that, “The eyes are the window of the soul.”

It is a two-way window!

2. Listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying regardless of what you can logically determine through your five senses (see, hear, taste, feel, touch)

3. Listen carefully to what the person is saying. Sometimes what they are saying is not the real issue.

4. Receive only what you need to “get the picture” – Then PROCEED.
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5. When progress is not being made ask open-ended questions to find the reason why (questions that require a dialog and not simply “yes” or “no”)

6. They came to you (as a minister).

7. Take control of the situation.

8. We have power of all manner of evil but NOT over people. They have a free will!

B. The Receiver’s heart
   1. If there is not an instant understanding, almost always there is an issue of the heart (unbelief) that is rejecting or blocking.

C. What people believe (understand) in their heart is truth to them (but necessarily God’s truth)
   1. Breakthrough comes instantly when the truth of God’s word is received at the heart level (understanding)
   2. Walking out a truth continues through confession and meditation causing that word to stay manifested in our life.
   3. LISTEN to the Holy Spirit in you AND expect Him to reveal the issues of the heart

1Co 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

D. Belief Method: Our method of Believing
   Romans 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation.

SYMPATHY only AGREES with the situation with no movement toward change.

EMPATHY sees the situation from the other person’s point of view

COMPASSION moves to change the situation.

XVII. Stay Focused

A. Self-focused
   1. Self-focused is concerned about what circumstances are saying.
   2. Have to overcome what your five senses are saying (carnal reasoning in the natural realm)
   3. Stay away from sympathizing! It brings no results and it feeds a spirit of self pity.

B. God-focused
   1. God-focused is concerned about what God has to say (the Word or the Holy Spirit)
   2. Have faith in God’s ability
   3. God WORKS with YOU
   4. God is faithful
   5. It is God working “in you” to do His great pleasure

XVIII. Common Mistakes we make when ministering to people:

A. We pray to the failure –This is unbelief (example: “If it be your will” or asking God to do something He has already done)
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B. Self tries to dominate the prayer by trying to get things done with many words  
   (Pharisees “love to pray” long prayers – Matt. 23:14)
C. We talk more than we listen
D. We ask God to do something that He has already done through the cross.
E. We speak to God about the problem rather than speak to problem about God!
F. Allowing what we receive through our five senses to speak into our heart (brings doubt)

XIX. Finally…Compassion

Compass towards a person is ALWAYS an indication that the Holy Spirit wants to do something for that person.

A. Jesus ministered when moved by compassion

Mark 1:40-41 Then a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." And Jesus, moved with compassion, put out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

Mt 9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.
Mt 14:14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.
Mt 15:32 Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."
Mt 18:27 "Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.
Mt 18:33 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'
Mt 20:34 So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.
Mr 1:41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."
Mr 5:19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."
Mr 6:34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.
Mr 8:2 "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat.
Mr 9:22 "And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."
Lu 7:13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."
Lu 10:33 "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion,
Jude 1:21-23 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.  
   And on some have compassion, making a distinction;
   but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.