

# Success in College... *God's Way*

## YOUR PERSONAL MINISTRY

I GO TO CHURCH AND PARADIGM... ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?

IN MATTHEW 28, JESUS CALLS ALL CHRISTIANS TO SPREAD HIS GOSPEL.

IF THIS IS THE CASE, WHERE SHOULD I START? MAYBE I ALREADY HAVE A MINISTRY. WHAT CAN I DO BETTER?

OUR PERSONAL MINISTRY BEGINS WITH A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST WHICH IS CHARACTERIZED BY:

- PRAYER
- STUDY
- ACTION

DO YOU START EACH DAY ASKING YOURSELF: HOW WOULD JESUS HAVE YOU INTERACT WITH THE PEOPLE YOU ENCOUNTER IN LIFE?



INVESTMENTS IN GOD'S KINGDOM:

- TIME
- TITHES
- OFFERINGS
- **PAUL: HE INVESTED IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS, EVEN WHILE HE WAS IN PRISON AND UNDER PERSECUTION.**
- **ARE YOU INVESTING PERSONALLY, IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS?**
  - *DOESN'T IT FEEL GREAT WHEN SOMEONE MAKES US A PRIORITY? THAT IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO INVEST IN OTHERS WITH SOMETHING (THE ONLY THING) THAT IS ETERNAL.*
  - *TELEVANGELISTS ARE HEARD BY A LOT OF PEOPLE, BUT THEY ARE NOT VERY PERSONAL.*
  - *FEW BIBLICAL EXAMPLES ABOUT PEOPLE WHO SENT OTHERS OUT – ALMOST ALL ARE ABOUT THOSE WHO WENT.*
  - *IT'S GOOD TO SEND; IT'S GREAT TO GO YOURSELF.*
- **HOW CAN YOU BE EFFECTIVE FOR JESUS CHRIST?**
  - *ONE NEEDS TO CONFRONT AND AVOID SIN IN YOUR OWN LIFE.*
  - *IT IS HARD TO BE A GOOD WITNESS WHEN YOU ARE BOUND BY SIN AND SINFUL HABITS.*
  - *NEED TO PUT EVEN MORE SEVERE LIMITS ON ONE OWN PERSONAL CONDUCT IF YOU WANT TO LEAD.*
  - *DO NOT DO ANYTHING THAT MAY CAUSE A BROTHER TO STUMBLE.*

Romans 14: 21 It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.
  - *FEW TAKE THIS DIFFICULT ROAD. IT IS MUCH EASIER TO BE A CULTURAL CHRISTIAN.*

It's easy to get into a mode where we essentially pay others to spread the Gospel for me. My pastor, others at church, and missionaries all need to be supported. However, this is just the basics of a life committed to spreading the gospel. Tithing is the easy part. It is much harder to witness and be a good witness to others through our lives.

ALLOWING EFFECTIVE MINISTRY TO HAPPEN

- **RELY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT'S LEADING: ACTS 13:1-5**

Philippians 1: 27-30 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, <sup>29</sup>and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, <sup>30</sup>having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.
- **PHIL 2:3-4**
- **COL 3:1-9**