

Qualities of a Minister

I Corinthians 1:10 – Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

- **AMP:** But I urge and entreat you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in perfect harmony and full agreement in what you say, and that there be no dissensions or factions or divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in your common understanding and in your opinions and judgments.
- **Note:** written to the church at Corinth.
 - Carnal. Judgmental. Selfish ambition. Dissension.

Matthew 18:19 **[AMP]** – Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together) about whatever [anything and everything] they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in heaven.

- **Note:** place of agreement = place of power!
- **Genesis 11:6, 7** **[NCV]** – The LORD said, “Now, these people are united, all speaking the same language. This is only the beginning of what they will do. They will be able to do anything they want.”⁷ Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not be able to understand each other.”

Everyone is a Minister

Ephesians 4:11-16 – “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹²for the equipping of the saints for the **work of ministry**, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³till 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; ¹⁴that 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, ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶from 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.”

- **AMP** **[vs. 12]** – “His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), [that they should do] the work of ministering toward building up Christ’s body (the church),”

I Corinthians 16:13-16 – “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. ¹⁴Let all that you do be done with love. ¹⁵I urge you, brethren—you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and **that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints**—¹⁶that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us.”

- “**devoted themselves**” – [TASSO] to assign to a place, with a suggestion of duties connected with it, often used of military appointments.
- “**ministry**” – primarily denotes a “servant.” It occurs in the NT of domestic servants, Christ, the followers of Christ in relation to their Lord, to one another, and of preaching and teaching; those who serve in the churches.” [Vine’s]

II Timothy 4:11 – “Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for **ministry**.”

II Timothy 2:24-26 [NLT] – The Lord’s servants must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone. They must be able to teach effectively and be patient with difficult people. ²⁵ They should gently teach those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people’s hearts, and they will believe the truth. ²⁶ Then they will come to their senses and escape from the Devil’s trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 – “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.”

Colossians 3:23-24 – “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

I Peter 4:10-11 – “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.”