

How to Grow in Ministry?

(Meekness in Ministry)

This workshop is concentrating on:

How to Grow in Ministry?

- How to serve and be **most effective**...
- How to be **most pleasing** to the Lord in our ministry...
- How to **Glorify Him better** in what we do...
- How to **grow** in the areas of ministry that the Lord has given to us

We're going to look into how to be:

1. Most effective
2. Most pleasing
3. Most glorifying
 - a. In all of our ministry that we do

What is ministry?

Working Definition:

Ministry is service unto the Lord, with the intent to Glorify God and to further His Kingdom

- Ministry is what every Christian is called to:
- Ministry is not excluded for professional paid clergy
- Ministry is everyone
- Ministry is for you

The way I like to think of it is...

We are in the service of the king...and the King has put you at a post...

Your post is where you're at...(Your Context)

- Your Job

- Your School
- Your Family
- **Your entire life is your post**

Meaning – The ministry you do to the Lord should be:

- Constant
- Continual,
- Never-ending... (Not a bad thing)

Everything that your life consists of should be looked at as ministry...

Serving at a church is but one facet of service that should be a part of the overall ministry that we do in our daily lives

Your life Is Ministry

We must remember that:

“All Ministry is God’s Ministry”

Our place in God’s ministry is

- To be His servants..
- To be His ambassador’s
- To be His representatives (*2 Cor. 5:20*)
- To be lights of the world (*Mt 5:14-16*)

Ministry is completely God’s and for His glory alone

- But we have the privilege to partner with Jesus and be the Lord’s” hands and feet” on the earth

Ministry is always a privilege and never a right!

- We never deserve it...
- Only by grace to we get to be apart of it...

1 Timothy 1:12

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service

Our attitude towards and in ministry should always be thankfulness

How to be effective in ministry?

I. To be Faithful

Def. = thorough in the performance of duty

Faithfulness = is essential to any steward (*1 Corinthians 4:1-2*)

What has God entrusted you with?

What are you called to be faithful with?

What's your context?

- Kids
- A House
- A family
- To disciple someone
- Go to School
- Do coffee
- Greet
- Pastor
- Missionary
- Engineer

In whatever you do... be faithful
In whatever the Lord has entrusted you... be faithful

How to be most effective, entirely pleasing, and most glorifying to God is:
 To be Meek...

Meekness

Meekness is something that:

- Everyone knows,
- Few understand,
- And even less actually do...

What is meekness? or What is it to be meek?

- Def- It denotes self-control, but also means genuine humility

Meekness is not weakness

- To be meek is not to be trampled on...
- Or be a doormat by any means....

To be “Meek”...Is the idea of having...

- “Power in submission”
- “Power that’s in Control”

It is to be humble and submitted to the master’s control...

The Greek word for meek:

Was commonly used to describe wild animals, (Especially Horses)

- It describes how wilds horses have been made to work with men.
- It is the description of a **untrained horse being broken**
 - **And is now willing to be guided and directed**
- Their strength is now harnessed and trained to work with men...

It the idea of having power in submission and be in control by the master

So for us:

Spiritually

- The meek or trained are those that are guided and directed by the Lord
- **It is our being controlled by Jesus...**

So for us:

In ministry

- That you are **completely submitted and subjected** to the master
- That your service is being guided and directed by Jesus

Horse Example

A horse trainer from Texas was asked about the qualities of a meek horse.

- We can use the answers she gives us to better understand and help us to apply meekness ministry

Once broken, a good horse doesn't require much correction. He has learned to accept the reins of his master, and a gentle tug is all that is needed to urge him in the direction intended. The training process does not remove the strength and power that used to make the animal wild; rather it places the same energy under control. The phrase 'channel their spirit' is commonly used to describe this process. Properly channeled, the horse is able to jump higher, run faster, and work harder than an uncontrolled animal. : Power under control.

First: Does Jesus have the reigns of our life?

Secondly: Does Jesus have the reigns of the ministry we do unto the Lord?

To be meek is:

- To have our will subjected to the Father's will...
- To have our wants given up for his wants...
- To have our desires be submitted to His desires...

*It's allowing God to have the "reigns" and lead us... and for Him to be in control
That should greater effect the way we do ministry!*

Meekness involves:

1. Humility
2. Surrender
3. Obedience

Great Example of Meekness in Ministry...Paul

- Saul of Tarsus
- Christian Killer
- Persecutor of Believers
 - Wild & Crazy
- Road to Damascus (*Acts 9*)
- Paul the apostle

He Became meek before the Lord

- His power was harnessed
- When his will was submitted and given to the fathers...

Look at how much the Lord did through him!!!

Look at Paul's Ministry...

2 Corinthians 11:23-28

In far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure upon me of concern for all the churches.

Jesus

How effective for the Kingdom was he?

- Wrote 2/3 of the NT...

All Because of his meekness before the Lord

All because his will was subjected and submitted to the Father's Will

The Great Example of Meekness in Ministry = Jesus

Garden of Gethsemane

- Location
- Significance
 - Triumphal entry
 - 2nd Coming

Brief Summary – (*Matthew 26:36-56, Luke 22*)

- Night Before the Crucifixion
- Took His Disciples
 - Peter, James & John (Son of Zebedee)
 - His first disciples
- Jesus told them to pray
 - They fell asleep
 - 3 Times
- Romans Came
 - You know the rest

What did Jesus pray those 3 times??

“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as Thou wilt.”

He was being meek before the Father...

- He was submitted his will to the Father...
- He was allowing to be directed and led by God

Interestingly = Gethsemane

Def = "The Place of Crushing"

- In the Garden of Gethsemane
 - Olive trees...
 - Most valuable thing olives make is olive oil...
 - That process = Involves crushing

*Olives don't see there full potential until they are crushed
Neither do we!*

Until our wills are "crushed" before the Father...

- We will never see the full potential of what Jesus can do through us in ministry

Until we are willing to pray as Jesus prayed

- Not my will, but your will be done
- We will not see the fullness of what God has for us!

*Jesus' will was being crushed in obedience to the will of the Father...
Jesus was obedient!!!*

Apply that to our lives and Ministry:

- Do we need our wills to be crushed?
- Do we submit our wills and our wants to the father?
- Are we meek before him?

Meekness Involves:

1. Humility
 - a. Acknowledgment of Power
 - b. Being low and knowing he's the master - He reigns!
2. Surrender
 - a. A giving up
 - b. Crushing of our wills

3. Obedience
 - a. The Action of allowing the Lord to Reign

**The way to grow in ministry:
Is to be meek before the Lord**

- Your way of doing ministry needs to be submitted to the Lord's way
- Your ambition needs to be submitted to the Lord's plan
- Your will needs to be in subjection to the will of the father

Be Freed:

- Ambition
- Position
- Self

*Let the Lord reign, be guided and directed by Him, allow Him to have the reigns,
and be Submitted & Subjected to Jesus*

Have Meekness in Ministry