

An Ordination Sermon

Ordination is a consecrating act. It sets the ordained person apart for a specific calling or activity. In the case of ordination as a minister, that ministry can be broad and varied in certain respects. But in several key ways, the ministry to which we are called is uniform.

Ordained ministry will involve:

1. Difficulties
 - a. The nature of dealing with sinful people as a sinner
 - b. Difficulties can easily become distractions

2. Delegation
 - a. No one can do everything
 - b. Everyone must do something
 - c. Some very difficult matters will NOT be your job to resolve!

3. Devotion
 - a. The minister must keep his focus
 - b. Prayer and the ministry of the word

Application:

1. What are we called to be and do within the family that is the church?

2. Are we distracted by difficulties? Failing to let others do what God has called them to do? Focused on our gifts and callings?

3. Do you need help identifying what your gifts are and what you might be called to do within the church?