

# SELF MINISTRY AND FAMILY MINISTRY

## HOW PROFITABLE BIBLE STUDY BENEFITS EVERYONE

*"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."*

~ 1 Timothy 4:16

### 1. We Study to do Ministry

- a. The reason for Bible study is not to get the grade and pass the class
- b. The practical function of personal Bible study is to do ministry (service) to God

### 2. What is Ministry

- a. Ministry is your responsibility from the Lord – Col 4:17 (2 Cor 5:18, Eph 3:7-9)
- b. Ministry concerns the things of Christ (the mysteries) – 1 Cor 4:1-2
- c. Ministry is the work it takes to grow people into Christ – Eph 4:12-15
- d. Ministry work requires maturity, not children: grown ups – Eph 4:13, 1 Cor 14:20

### 3. Self Ministry

- a. Where does ministry begin? Who is in most need of ministry? A: Yourself.
- b. You can not do ministry to others unless you are first furnished – 2 Tim 2:15, 3:16
- c. Good ministers must be nourished up in the word of God - 1 Tim 4:6
- d. Godliness is profitable unto all things: at any age, for every time - 1 Tim 4:8-12
- e. *"Give attendance" ... "give thyself" ... "take heed"* – 1 Tim 4:13-16

### 4. Marriage Ministry

- a. Marriage is your first ministry. You will first learn to minister with your spouse.
- b. Two become one in marriage – this speaks to responsibility, not ability.
- c. Ability for two to walk as one comes from personal growth in God's word.
- d. There needs to be time spent in marriage for prayer and study – Eph 5:25-28
- e. The result of mutual nourishment from the word is to be "knit together" – Col 2:19

### 5. Family Ministry

- a. Churches designed programs. God designed families.
- b. The sad truth - Church can't (and shouldn't) teach you everything!
- c. Ministry is not first talking to strangers about the gospel – minister to your family!
- d. The platform every father has to teach what he has learned is his family -Eph 6:4
- e. Paul said *"be ye followers of me"* as a father to them – 1 Cor 4:15-16, Phil 3:17
- f. Ministry should not start and stop with your involvement with a local church.
- g. The church's purpose is to aid in self-ministry, producing mature members.
- h. Ruling your house well is a sign of maturity and growth – 1Tim 3:4-6, 8-12
  - i. To be a good father/mother, you must be a good husband/wife.
  - ii. To be a good husband/wife, "take heed to thyself" before the LORD
- i. Godly and profitable ministry is a result of your personal growth in loving God, knowing his word, doing his will, rejoicing in the Lord.
  - i. This kind of growth requires time spent in Bible study and prayer.