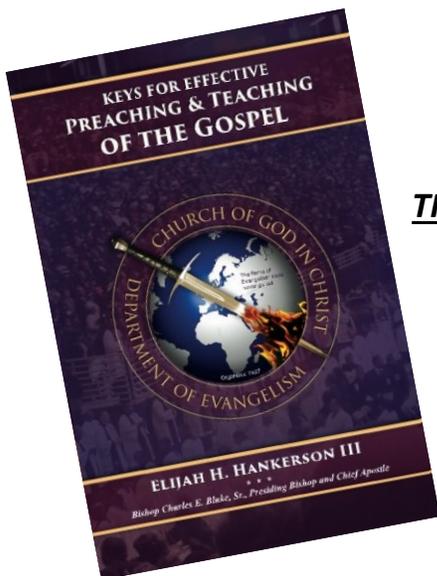




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THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF A MINISTRY WORKER

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INTRODUCTION

Ministry Workers serve as an important role for any church or ministry. A ministry worker may consist of men and women credential holders, as well as laity and lay members. If you work in any capacity in your local church then you are considered a Ministry Worker and this lesson is for you.

The spiritual life of believers is of great significance and value. The more time we spend with the Father, the more we become like Him. This lesson will provide best practices for the spiritual life of ministry workers and elaborate on having the right spirit to effectively serve and work in ministry.

YOU MUST LIVE THE LIFE

1.) Ministry Workers must develop a fluent and consistent prayer life.

If you are going to work in the ministry it is of necessity that you have an open line of communication with the Father. Ministry CANNOT be effective without a prayer life. Furthermore, *you do not want to just pray when it is time to preach, teach, or work; you want to develop a consistent life of prayer.*

2.) Ministry Workers must be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Working in ministry requires that you be filled and controlled by the Holy Ghost. The spirit of the Lord is where our power, direction, and guidance comes from. It is dangerous to be led by human emotions and emotions only, which is why we need to be filled with the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost will give you courage, strength, boldness, and wisdom to work within ministry.

3.) Ministry Workers must be anointed.

No ministry worker in the church can be effective without the presence of God. For when the true presence of God shows up there will be change! Falling out means nothing, unless people are getting up a different way! Shaking means nothing, if you remain bound! Tongue speaking is meaningless, if we can't speak English to each other! The anointing is the presence of God upon a person's life. The anointing makes the difference!

4.) Ministry Workers must have pure motives.

Your mission is to build the ministry and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Ministry workers should not have any personal, alternative, or undercover motives. Ministry is not to benefit self-image or showcase your skills/abilities. Remember it's not about you! It's all about Jesus!



Ministry workers follow leadership, submit to spiritual authority, and work collaboratively to build the works of the ministry. Are you into titles or towels?

RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME

Spirits That Ministry Workers Should NOT Have.

Do not have a “spirit of Korah”

This spirit causes an insurrection amongst leadership. It refuses to give honor and respect to whom it is due, because it makes a person feel that they are equal in status, station, and call to their leader.

Numbers 16:1-3 (Contemporary English Version): Korah son of Izhar was a Levite from the Kohathite clan. One day he called together Dathan, Abiram, and On^[a] from the Reuben tribe, and the four of them decided to rebel against Moses. So they asked two hundred fifty respected Israelite leaders for their support, and together they went to Moses³ and Aaron and said, “Why do you think you’re so much better than anyone else? We’re part of the Lord’s holy people, and he’s with all of us. What makes you think you’re the only ones in charge?”

Do not have a “spirit of Absalom”

This is a renegade spirit. The spirit is cunning and causes a person to undermine and usurp authority. It divides and conquers transferring loyalty from one person to another.

2 Samuel 15:1-6 (Contemporary English Version): Some time later, Absalom got himself a chariot with horses to pull it, and he had fifty men run in front. ²He would get up early each morning and wait by the side of the road that led to the city gate. Anyone who had a complaint to bring to King David would have to go that way, and Absalom would ask each of them, “Where are you from?” If they said, “I’m from a tribe in the north,” ³Absalom would say, “You deserve to win your case. It’s too bad the king doesn’t have anyone to hear complaints like yours. ⁴I wish someone would make me the judge around here! I would be fair to everyone.” ⁵Whenever anyone would come to Absalom and start bowing down, he would reach out and hug and kiss them. ⁶That’s how he treated everyone from Israel who brought a complaint to the king. Soon everyone in Israel liked Absalom better than they liked David.

Do not have a “spirit of Ahithophel”

This is a spirit that betrays a leader due to personal ambition.

2 Samuel 15:12 (The Message): While Absalom was offering sacrifices, he managed also to involve Ahithophel the Gilonite, David’s advisor, calling him away from his hometown of Giloh. The conspiracy grew powerful and Absalom’s supporters multiplied.



Do not have a “spirit of Judas”

This spirit seeks to betray and make a mockery of the leader for personal ambition. As one that has the privilege to be close to your leader, you should never try to betray your leader’s weaknesses for personal gain but should uphold him in prayer.

Matthew 26:14-16, 47-50 (New King James Version): ¹⁴Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?” And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. ⁴⁷And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.” ⁴⁹Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. ⁵⁰But Jesus said to him, “Friend, why have you come?” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him.

Do not have a “critical, faultfinding, grumbling and complaining spirit”

This is a spirit that instead of standing with the leader, seeks to find fault with everything he does.

Numbers 21:5-7 (New Living Translation): ⁵and they began to speak against God and Moses. “Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die here in the wilderness?” they complained. “There is nothing to eat here and nothing to drink. And we hate this horrible manna!” ⁶So the Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people, and many were bitten and died. ⁷Then the people came to Moses and cried out, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take away the snakes.” So Moses prayed for the people.



The Type Of Spirit Ministry Workers SHOULD Have.

An obedient spirit.

Hebrews 13:17 (King James Version): ¹⁷ Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

A friendly spirit.

Proverbs 18:24 (King James Version): ²⁴ A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

An excellent spirit.

Daniel 6:3 (King James Version): ³ Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

A dependable spirit.

Ephesians 6:21-22 (The Message): ²¹⁻²² Tychicus, my good friend here, will tell you what I'm doing and how things are going with me. He is certainly a dependable servant of the Master! I've sent him not only to tell you about us but to cheer you on in your faith.

A humble spirit

Numbers 12:3 (King James Version): ³ (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

“Remember Ministry Is All About Serving”



