



- I. Ministry is a team effort and not a “lone ranger” endeavor – v. 23.
- II. All successful ministry is bathed in prayer – vv. 24-30.
 - A. Prayer is the FIRST resort with every milestone in ministry – v. 24.
 - B. An effective prayer:
 - i. Is a united prayer – v. 24.
 - ii. Begins with a recognition of who God is:
 1. Sovereign / Lord of all.
 2. Creator.
 3. Triune.
 - iii. Reminds God His Word / Prays God’s Word back to Him – vv. 25-26.
 - iv. Takes God’s Word seriously and fully expects its literal fulfillment – v. 27.
 - v. Understands and operates within the premise of divine election / fore-ordination – v. 28.
 - vi. Presents a request to God in accordance with His will – vv. 29-30.
 1. Choosing to give anxieties over to God, rather than letting them fester inside.
 2. Understanding and expressing the position from which their request is made.
 3. Asking God not for deliverance but for courage and the authentication of His message.
- III. When God’s people pray, He answers – v. 31.
 - A. (Sometimes) VISIBLY.
 - B. (Always) INTERNALLY.
 - C. (Sometimes) Positively.

The Big Idea: Prayer is the key element of successful ministry because it recognizes our interdependence with God and fellow believers.