

Quality Ministry In Difficult Places
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1. I cannot do everything, but what I do, I will do well
2. I will model excellence for myself and others to follow
3. I will prepare for my responsibilities
4. I will be prompt
5. I will be open to the use of technology
6. I will be *'audience aware'* in my ministry
7. I will ensure our media is well prepared and up to date
8. I will ensure that I am personally ready for ministry
9. I will provide appropriate premises for our ministry
10. I will provide refreshments that are healthy and nutritious

Tips and Ideas

(Here are a few simple, down-to-earth ideas)

1. Power point backgrounds: use Google (or Bing or others) images: "backgrounds" you can specify, for example, dark blue, or backgrounds church, etc. There are hundreds of them.
2. Power point: Put a blank black slide to begin and end and anytime you want nothing showing on the screen.
3. YouTube: (and other sites) You can search for contemporary Christian music videos or illustration videos and download them.
4. Music Videos: I usually prefer to use those with the lyrics printed as it helps people to know and understand the words, and the true message of the song.
5. Develop a calendar system that works for you. Google Calendar can be tied to different devices. There are lots of options online or on a smart phone. If you are not into technology get a pocket calendar book or print them out. To work, it must be with you most of the time, you must keep it up to date, and you must refer to it regularly.
6. Find a person (in or outside of your ministry) who can assist you to learn more about technology that will enhance your ministry. A knowledgeable teacher can save you piles of time and add great creativity.
7. Be in touch with the kids of your community. They are usually more accessible than the adults and can open doors for reaching others.
8. Think outside the box. We had a great list of ideas provided last year at this STEM.
9. Don't be afraid to let some function die if it is not working.
10. Value people of all ages, races, educational and economic backgrounds (and aromas!) —they are all souls for whom Christ died.
11. Make your church and grounds inviting to the neighborhood.
12. Be open to hosting or running events for people who are not part of your church (weddings, funerals, other celebrations). Invest in these people.