

Growing the Solution

¹⁰⁻¹² "The man who is faithful in the little things will be faithful in the big things, and the man who cheats in the little things will cheat in the big things too. So, that if you are not fit to be trusted to deal with the wicked wealth of this world, who will trust you with the true riches? *And if you are not trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"*

Luke 16:11-12 Phillips

Serving Under Ministries

- I. If you are called to be the leader, or head, of a ministry, you will likely have to serve another ministry that is similar in _____, _____ and _____.
- A. _____ the called
 1. Whatever area you are called to, you will likely serve for a season (or several) under a similar _____.
 - a. What God has called you to will be a combination of 1) what He has done with _____ plus a 2) unique _____ with you.
 - i. Are you called to business? Then, business success is based on several universal _____. The unique aspect of your business is the product or service you provide.
 - ii. It's the same with ministry. Many are called to preach the everlasting Gospel, but your unique qualities are 1) the experiences and _____ in how you relate truth and 2) the _____ upon you to affect change in others.
 - iii. In preparation, you will need to serve under a minister, or mentor, to help you refine both the _____ and _____ aspects of your calling.
 - iv. Both _____ and _____ lessons will shape your idea of ministry.
 - v. How you _____ that season, and the mentor God has assigned for you, will greatly affect the success and _____ of your ministry.
 - b. Honor is determined by the _____, not the _____.
 - i. If a leader demands honor, they are negotiating for _____.
 - ii. Only the one who serves can truly honor those they serve – because of their _____.
 - c. The home is the first classroom God wanted to teach us how to honor _____ people.

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²**Honor** your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:" Ephesians 6:1-2 NKJV

- i. Verse 1 is written to _____ – obey; verse 2 is written to _____ – honor
- ii. Honoring _____ parents was God’s first command to Israel with the promise of a long life.
- iii. In the 10 Commandments, honoring you parents is sandwiched between honoring _____ and honoring _____. (Exodus 20:1-17)
- iv. Entering adulthood without knowing how to honor others will result in many _____ relationships.
- v. There is a rocky road ahead for the child who never learns the stage of _____ and tries to grow into the stage of _____.

d. What does honor look like?

- i. Honor is defined as high _____ or great _____.
- ii. Honor is demonstrated as preferential _____, i.e. reverence.
- iii. To honor God means:
 - a) Involving His _____ in every decision we make.
 - b) That we _____ from our way of doing things and yield to His.
 - c) We do things that _____ Him above doing what we want to do.

“Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying⁸ ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.’” Matthew 15:7-8 NKJV

- e. So, we see that honor is like _____ – it must be in the heart and in the mouth.
 - i. Honor from the mouth is the _____ expression.
 - ii. But, honor must come from the _____ of the heart.
 - iii. So, honor is more about the _____ than the recipient.
 - iv. Honor is more about who _____ than who you are.
 - v. Honor is more about my _____ than your character.
 - vi. Honor is more about how I _____ you than how you _____ me.

- 2. For a great teaching on honor watch Doug Jones’ 8:30am session Monday, February 15, 2021 of Winter Bible Seminar at Rhema.org.

B. Give heed to research your _____.

“Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15 AMPC

- 1. One the single most important aspects of your particular ministry is the soundness of your _____.
 - a. If we continued in Matthew, the very next verse (Matt 15:9), Jesus upbraids the Pharisees for teaching as _____ the commandments of men.

- i. _____ plays a huge roll in the life of any minister.
 - ii. _____ is what you believe and how did you come to that conclusion.
- b. Jesus warned His disciples to beware of the _____ of the Pharisees and Sadducees.
- i. But, Jesus also said His _____ was not His, His who sent Him.
 - ii. Jesus was questioned over His _____.
 - iii. It was NOT his _____.
2. Paul, spoke to his young protégé in the faith, used the word _____ 12 times:
- a. He put Timothy in charge so that they _____ no other doctrine.
 - b. He warns him of the doctrine of _____.
 - c. Be a good _____ by following good doctrine.
 - d. ‘til he comes, give _____ to reading, exhortation and you guessed it.
 - e. Take _____ to yourself and to the doctrine.
 - f. Elders who instruct in the word and doctrine are worthy of double _____.
 - g. Make employees honor their bosses so they don’t discredit God and blame our doctrine for their _____.
 - h. The time is coming when people will not endure sound doctrine, but they will leave truth for soothing words that line up with their _____ desires.
3. Doctrine has a much more important role in the _____ than what has been emphasized in modern ministry.
- a. Jesus _____ the churches in Revelation for the false doctrine to which they hold fast.
 - i. To Pergamos, they held to both the doctrines of _____ and that of the Nicolaitans.
 - a) Doctrine of Balaam was when Baalak couldn’t curse Israel because of God’s blessing upon them. He introduced to Israel the idea of no _____ from God, which forfeited the blessing and drew out God’s judgement against them. How did he do it? By teaching a doctrine.
 - b) Doctrine of the Nicolaitans is _____. These folks wanted a _____ between respect and truth. They backed off spiritual truths to accommodate modern, social trends. They neglected teaching living holy, the Bible being God’s Word of truth, absolute truth and Christ being the only way to Heaven. They taught the Bible is a _____ truth, but not divine.
 - ii. To Thyatira, they allowed Jezebel, parading as a prophetess, to teach a doctrine of sexual immorality – God is okay with whatever sexual _____ you prefer.

- b. The early church continued _____ in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship.
 - c. You can be carried about by every _____ of doctrine. (Eph. 4:14)
 - i. _____ (even hyper-emphasis of truth) comes around in waves.
 - ii. It always starts in truth and erodes into damnable _____.
- C. Learn the ways of the _____.
1. God empowers His servants with an _____ that breaks yokes and removes burdens.
 - a. The anointing comes upon individuals to bring _____ to God.
 - b. The anointing vs. _____
 - i. _____ – the presence of the Holy Spirit to ____ the impossible.
 - ii. _____ – God's empowering to ____ something beyond your capacity.
 - iii. The anointing may rest on you for _____ – intense, weighty.
 - iv. Grace _____ upon you continually, accessed by faith.
 - c. Whatever binds individuals will be destroyed when the anointing is _____.
 - d. Do not seek the anointing, seek the _____ of the anointing.
 2. How God uses you will be _____ to you.
 - a. God has a plan, purpose and _____ for your life.
 - b. Do not seek to mimic _____, _____ or even _____ employed by other you admire.
 - c. Be a _____, not an _____!
 - d. You are an _____, not a _____!
 3. The anointing can be transferred by association, environment and influence.
 - a. The ministries you follow, support and grow from will become _____ in your own ministry.
 - b. The more you are _____ in those meetings, the more you will glean from them. (Elijah/Elisha, Moses/Joshua, Paul/Timothy, Jesus/Disciples)
 - c. Choose carefully ministers with longstanding reputations of _____ versus ministers who flash with appeal but _____ out.
 4. For more information on understanding the anointing, purchase "Understanding the Anointing' by Kenneth E Hagin, Faith Library Publications.