

Ministry Gifts

The Ministry of Helps

1 Corinthians 12:28 NKJV

And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

“The greatest one among you will live as the one who is called to serve others, because the greatest honor and authority is reserved for the one with the heart of a servant.” - Jesus

I. Personal trip to the Dr. Phil Show.

A. *“I discovered my gift and found how to serve it up to as many people as possible.”* Phil McGraw

B. A key to our success is how well we serve our gifts to others.

II. I was introduced to the ministry of helps in a class at Rhema Bible Training Center.

A. Then, in 1992 I heard a minister, Buddy Bell, who God called to specialize in communicating truths surrounding the ministry of helps.

1. I highly recommend his material to help you gain further insight into this subject.

a) We will not have enough time to delve into depth on this subject.

b) The local church, in general, needs a fresh revelation of one of the most important ministries Jesus has placed in His body.

2. You can learn more about Buddy Bell’s ministry at www.MOHI.org.

B. The reason I am taking time to even mention this ministry:

1. Most people are _____ into this ministry.

2. Even if you are called to a five fold ministry, you will need to _____ in this ministry.

3. When you arrive at an executive _____, the ministry of helps is a vital part of enabling the ministry, to which God has called you, to flourish.

4. The ministry of helps is a _____ ministry.

III. _____ - an Old Testament example.

A. _____ was one of the greatest prophets of the Old Covenant.

1. He had _____ the anointing and miracles as his predecessor.

2. He _____ at a very strategic time in Israel’s history.

B. Elisha’s reputation was widely known as Elijah’s _____.

2 Kings 3:9-11 International Standard Version

9 So the king of Israel, the king of Judah, and the king of Edom made a complete circuit on the road for seven days, but there was no water for the army or for the livestock that accompanied them. 10 Then the king of Israel remarked, "Oh no! The Lord has summoned us three kings so he can hand us over to Moab, hasn't he?" 11 Jehoshaphat asked, "Isn't there a prophet who belongs to the Lord and through whom we can ask the Lord a question?" One of the king of Israel's attendants replied, "Shaphat's son Elisha lives here. He used to be Elijah's personal attendant."

1. These three kings were in _____, fearing their enemy would surely conquer them and their armies.
 - a) In order to talk to God in the Old Testament, people had to go through God's _____.
 - b) So, Jehoshaphat asks the question (to get an answer from God concerning their problem), "Isn't there a _____ around?"
 2. Someone speaks up and said, "Yes, there's a reliable prophet, Elisha, who _____ Elijah."
 3. The point is Elisha's _____ positioned him later to influence kings!
 - a) Our service (ministry of helps) in a large capacity can be the precursor to _____ in a much greater capacity.
 - b) "Poured water on the hands of Elijah," is how most translations read which indicates Elisha, the great prophet, helped Elijah _____ his hands.
 - c) His seemingly menial _____ qualified him to later influence kings.
- C. How did this _____ begin?

1Kings 19:19-21 NKJV

So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. 20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" 21 So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

1. Elisha was _____ when Elijah found him.
 - a) There are very few incidents where God calls someone who is _____.
 - b) He wasn't even first in line. He was on the _____ team in line.
2. Elijah gave Elisha an _____ when he threw his mantle (coat/cloak) around his shoulders.
 - a) Both Elijah and Elisha _____ what the opportunity meant.
 - b) It was a call to serve the prophet of Israel and be _____ by him.

- c) This opportunity would contain many _____, ordinary tasks, like washing the man of God's hands.
- d) All too often, people are looking to immediately jump into the _____ happenings of a supernatural ministry.
- e) They are not _____ properly to handle such things at an early stage.
3. Elisha _____ to tell his parents goodbye before seizing this opportunity.
- a) On the surface, this looks like a _____ request from Elijah.
- b) Elijah is _____ Elisha to become focused.
- (1) Elisha responds by " _____ " his present.
- (2) God may not be asking you to barbecue everything in your present, but He will require you to _____ on His interests over yours.
- D. This is when and how the prophet Elisha _____ the ministry of helps.
- E. Notice the ministry of _____ is under this category.

2 Kings 3:14-15 NKJV

14 And Elisha said, "As the Lord of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not look at you, nor see you. 15 But now bring me a musician. Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him"

1. Elisha disregarded the king of Israel, because he was Ahab and Jezebel's son.
2. The musician helped the prophet by creating an _____ conducive to the anointing coming upon the minister.
3. The music was important to _____ in the word of the Lord coming forth.

New Testament Example

IV. Jesus _____ the ministry of helps.

Mark 4:35-41 NKJV

35 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." 36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. 38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" 39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. 40 But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

- A. Notice, Jesus had just finished ministering to large crowds and then tells the disciples to cross over because there is more _____ to do.
1. Jesus did not find and rent the _____ .
 2. Jesus did not _____ the boat.
 3. He _____ while the helps team did the natural work.
- B. Think of preparation in the terms of _____:
1. The gestation period of a mosquito (2-3 days) or a cockroach (14-30 days) versus that of an elephant (3 years).
 2. The size of what God has in mind can be measured by the _____ and _____ of time of your preparation.
 3. Do not be confused by what seems to be “_____.”
 - a) They were being deeply prepared in _____.
 - b) Or they will burn out quickly due to the lack of _____.
- C. Before stepping into any _____ role of ministry, there should be a time of training and preparation.
1. Jesus _____ it.
 - a) Jesus _____ His earthly father and family, even after the realization of the business His Heavenly Father had prepared for Him.
 - b) Then, He _____ the disciples with an intense, three year program of doing whatever He said.
 - (1) There were times in this preparation the disciples were corrected and even _____.
 - (2) _____ is key to success in the time of preparation.
- D. God will give you **TO** _____ vision in preparation of giving you a vision.
1. How you _____ another’s vision will determine how your vision is _____.
 2. He may have given you a vision, but you will need to “_____” that “_____” in preparation of fulfilling the vision He gave to you.
- E. Preparation is the _____ for your future.
1. God loves you so much that He does not want you to have success and you not be prepared for _____, _____ and power.
 2. When we learn the path of a _____, we condition ourselves that nothing is beneath us and nothing is beyond us.
 - a) _____ do not have entitlement. They simply serve.
 - b) _____ carry out the commission regardless of how high the responsibility and expectation.
 3. Preparation time is never wasted time unless you stop _____.