

HOW TO MINISTER THE GOSPEL AND HOW TO KNOW WHOM TO MINISTER IT TO

Eph 4:11-12 KJV 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Paul's advise to Timothy

2Ti 4:5 KJV But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

2Ti 4:2 KJV Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Find a common ground (in good things) to relate

By making friends with them

Mat 11:19 KJV The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.

Mat 9:10-12 KJV 10 And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? 12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

If they like football, you learn about football, if it draft, try and learn the skill to. Find something that draw both of you together.

Can they draw near us and be comfortable or our sense of holiness will drive them?

Luk 15:1-2 KJV 1 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

Act of mercy

Jesus fed 5000 & 4000 men

Luk 6:32-33 KJV 32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. 33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

It is the goodness of God that leads people to repentance

Rom 2:4 KJV Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Observation of countenance—Be concern with other people's needs

Gen 40:6-7 KJV 6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they were sad. 7 And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day?

Joseph had problem of his own and he would have minded his business but his good act profited him later in future. The man he helped interpreted his dream eventually remembered him

Comfort

2Co 1:3-4 KJV 3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort

them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

The word used for comfort in that text is parakaleō. It means:

Definition:

to call to one's side, call for, summon, to address, speak to, (call to, call upon), which may be done in the way of exhortation, entreaty, comfort, instruction, etc. It also mean to admonish, exhort, to beg, entreat, beseech, to strive to appease by entreaty, to console, to encourage and strengthen by consolation, to comfort, to receive consolation, be comforted, to encourage, strengthen, exhorting and comforting and encouraging

How do you receive comfort from the Lord yourself?

It is through the scriptures. Learning from things that happened to men of old and how God rescued them will give us hope and that will comfort us that we are not alone and that God that did it for them will do ours.

You can also receive through messages and from talking to Ministers and counsellors.

Rom 15:4 KJV For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Minister your gift

The gift are grace that we have of the Lord. Ministered the same. If you have been saved then save others. If you have been healed then pray that others will be healed. If you have been delivered then pray that other will be delivered.

1Pe 4:10-11 KJV 10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Sow the seed

Whatever you desire and in need of, look for people with similar need and sow that seed into their lives.

Gal 6:7 KJV Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Luk 6:38 KJV Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Strike a conversation based on what is being done

Joh 4:6-7 KJV 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. 7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

Assuming someone is washing clothes, you can start by puzzling him that somebody washed without water and soap and it was clean. The person will be curious and there you start a conversation that Jesus washed our sins with His blood.

Philip and the Eunuch

Act 8:29-31 KJV 29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. 30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him

read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? 31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

Philip then started from that same scripture to preach

Act 8:35 KJV Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

Through prayer activities

Paul and Lydia

Act 16:13-14 KJV 13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. 14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

Peter and John

Act 3:1-2 KJV 1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

Healing sicknesses and diseases

Luk 9:11 KJV And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

Mat 4:23 KJV And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Joh 6:2 KJV And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

Act 8:6 KJV And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

Through dispute, reasoning, persuasion

Dispute

Act 17:16-17 KJV 16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. 17 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

From there, he preached unto them

Act 17:23 KJV For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

Act 19:9 KJV But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

Reason

Act 17:2 KJV And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

Act 18:4 KJV And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

The Greek word for “reason” is **dialegomai** and it means: to think different things with one's self, mingle thought with thought, to ponder, revolve in mind, to converse, discourse with one, argue, discuss

Act 17:2-3 KJV 2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, 3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

Persuasion

Act 19:8 KJV And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

2Co 5:11 KJV Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

Persuading in Greek is “peitho” and it means: to persuade, i.e. to induce one by words to believe, to make friends of, to win one's favour, gain one's good will, or to seek to win one, strive to please one, to tranquillise, to persuade unto, i.e. move or induce one to persuasion to do something, be persuaded, to be persuaded, to suffer one's self to be persuaded; to be induced to believe: to have faith: in a thing

Preaching & teaching

Act 8:5 KJV Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

Act 8:25 KJV And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

Act 14:21 KJV And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,

1Th 2:9 KJV For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

Paul's Method and approach

1Co 9:19-22 KJV 19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. 20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; 21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. 22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.