

THE PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

WEEK 1

CALLING

Love God. Love People.

GIFTS

Given by God. Made plain.

MINISTRY

The overflow.

*"...you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you will be my witnesses
in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria,
and to the end of the earth."*

Acts 1:6-8

3 Sources of Gifts

01 Father

ROMANS 12

Natural gifts —
inherent from creation.
Made in God's image.

WEEK 2

02 Son

EPHESIANS 4

Office gifts —
apostle, prophet,
evangelist, pastor, teacher.

WEEK 3

03 Spirit

1 CORINTHIANS 12

Supernatural Gifts —
Utterance - Words of Wisdom, Knowledge, Prophecy
Power - Faith, Healing, Working of Miracles
Revelation - Discerning, Kinds of Tongues, Interpretation

WEEK 4

OUR CALLING

mandate · as being God's children · all of us · covenant

To *know* Him

From the beginning and throughout.

"Let us make man in our image." Gen 1:26

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day... But the LORD God called to the man, 'Where are you?'

Gen 3:8-9

To *love*

Greatest Commandment.

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And He said to him, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' ³⁸ This is the great and foremost

commandment. ³⁹ The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF.' ⁴⁰ Upon these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets." Matt 22:36-40

To *disciple*
(*build one another up*)

Great Commission.

¹⁹ "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to follow all that I commanded you..." Matt 28:19-20

OUR OFFERING, OUR WORSHIP

christ-like · as being Gods children · all of us · covenant

To *sacrifice*

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:1-2

To *serve*

Jesus came "not to be served, but to serve" Matthew 20:28

Jesus washing disciples' feet. John 13:15

"... whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..." Mark 10:44-45

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:11

To be *christ-like*

1 John 2:6 Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.


1 Peter 2:21 ...so that you might follow in his steps.

1 Corinthians 11:1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Ephesians 5:1-2. Therefore be imitators of God...

Ephesians 4:22-24 ...and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God...

THIS IS OUR FOUNDATION



To know Him
To love
To disciple
(build one another up)
To sacrifice
To serve
To be christ-like

A sobering message!

¹⁵ “Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn *bushes*, nor figs from thistles, are they? ¹⁷ So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ So then, you will know them by their fruits.

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. ²² Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’

Matthew 7:15-23

gifts and calling is unto love and unto knowing him

SPECIFIC 'CALLINGS'

*God can call us to specific things
Divine missions, appointments*

Examples:

Noah building the Ark. Genesis 6-9

Joshua being called to lead God's people after Moses' death. Joshua 1

Joseph called via prophetic dreams. Genesis 37

John the Baptist, called by God to prepare the way. Matthew 3

Apostle Paul called. Acts 9

However.

This is doesn't always happen.

I spent some of my 20s trying to figure this out!

SOMETIMES WE DON'T NEED A 'CALL'

We are called to know · love · disciple
· and **DO** what's good, in front of us, on our hearts ·

David:

David didn't get a specific call from God to fight Goliath. 1 Sam 17

When David became king, he went to go get the ark, wasn't asked. 1 Chron 13

David wasn't told by God to build the tent (to house His presence, and

Worship) 1 Chron 15, 16

Even after mishap! (Uzzah dying) 1 Chron 13:9

THE 'INKLINGS' IN YOUR HEART

treasures · feelings · holy spirit placing something on your heart · discernment

Often comes through prayer, worship, spending time in ***His Presence***.

Often that's the Holy Spirit laying something on your heart. Sometimes it can be through prophecy.

These need to be seeked out, prayed on, and often waited on. Hearing God is *not* a mentioned special gift – **it is cultivated**.

IT'S ABOUT THE HEART

¹⁶ You do not delight in *sacrifice*, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, ***is a broken spirit;***
a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.

Psalm 51:16-17

A Psalm of David

"...present your bodies as a

living sacrifice,
*holy and acceptable to God,
which is your spiritual worship."*

"Be transformed by the
renewal of your mind."

Romans 12:1-2

it's not so much ***what*** you do, but ***how*** you do it.

HE IS WITH YOU

Great Commission (again)

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority** in heaven and on earth has been given **to me**. ¹⁹ **Therefore** go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely ***I am with you always***, to the very end of the age.”

He is with us always.

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves. James 1:22

HOW 'PERFECT' SHOULD YOU BE?

We can hold ourselves back due to thinking we aren't good enough.
We can easily have a mindset that we have to be great at something to then do it.

2 Corinthians 12:9 *But he said to me, "My grace is **sufficient** for you, for my power **is** made **perfect** in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

How to know God's will.

01 Present yourself

A living sacrifice — your whole self, daily.

02 Renew your mind

Let God's Word transform your thinking.

03 Test and discern

*"Trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." — Eph
5:10*

God doesn't need gifted people.

He needs surrendered people.

PART 1

Transformation

- Present yourself as a living sacrifice (v.1)
- Don't be conformed to the world (v.2)
- Be transformed by renewing your mind
- Test and discern God's will

PART 2

Service

- Out of transformed life flows your identity
- Only then are you ready to serve (v.3–8)
- Use gifts with sober judgment — not for status
- Every joint supplies (Eph 4:16)