

# Taking the Next Step in Your Ministry

## Three Things to Know About Your Ministry:

1. Every Christian is called to Minister

*(1 Peter 4:10) Each one should use whatever gift he's received to serve others.*

2. Your Ministry is the Most Important Thing You will do with your Life

*(1 Thessalonians 2:19) For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you?*

3. Your Ministry is Your Greatest Opportunity to Grow in Your Faith

*(Philemon 1:6) I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.*

## **Claim the Ministries that Christ Gives to Every Christian**

### Learn how God Calls People to a Specific Ministry

1. God's calls you by the shape He gave you.

Spiritual Gifts

Heart

Abilities

Personality

Experiences

2. God calls you by the needs you see around you.

*(John 4:35) Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.*

3. God calls you by the affirmation other Christians give you.

4. God calls you by the joy you experience.

*(Acts 13:52) And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*

## Three Things that Will Make or Break Your Ministry

1. You must make room in your life for your ministry.

*(Mark 1:17-18) "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him.*

You must make a commitment to your ministry.

You must make changes in your ministry in order to grow and stay effective.

*(1 Corinthians 9:22b). I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.*

### **Become a Mentor to Help Others Grow in Their Ministry**

*(2 Timothy 2:2) And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.*