

Cornerstone Baptist Church

"...Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;" Eph. 2:20

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Adult Bible Study

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Get Plugged into the Ministry:

The Fulfillment of the Church

Hebrews 10:25

"...desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:"

Churches grow when people grow. The Church is the most powerful organism on the planet (Matthew 28:18). No power can overcome the Church (Isaiah 54:17; Matthew 16:18). Churches die because their members die spiritually. There is no power in the building, the property, the sign, or even the name of our Church. The power and effectiveness of the Church lies in the unified efforts of a Spirit-filled membership! You cannot be right with God and be disconnected from your local Church (I Timothy 3:15). How can we get plugged into our Church?

I. Get Plugged in will Provoke an Obligation

Luke 12:48

I Corinthians 16:15 _____

The first time we find the word 'ministry' in the Bible is in Numbers 4:12. There are 3 truths we learn in this verse:

1. God wants a unified and coordinated work to be done—they shall take ALL.
2. God reminds us that we are simply 'instruments' of ministry.
3. The ministry should be done in the sanctuary.

Ministry is something that you do in Church, for God. Ministry can be anywhere and can involve a wide variety of service, but we must understand that ministry must be done through the local Church.

Colossians 4:17 _____

1. Ministry is a Sovereign Matter – "thou hast received in the Lord"
God is interested in our service for Him. He is the One that we must glorify and please – II Corinthians 5:9-10
2. Ministry is a Stewardship Matter – "which thou hast received"

We don't know Archippus' ministry, but it was given to him and he was expected to be a good steward of that ministry.

3. Ministry is a Serving Matter – “that thou fulfill it”

Fulfill means ‘to cause to abound; to furnish; to fill up’

There is a sense of accomplishment knowing that you've done something that pleases God.

II. Get Plugged in will Present an Opportunity

I Corinthians 16:9

God opens doors for those who have been busy serving Him.

Why will God not open doors if we haven't been busy serving Him? _____

III. Get Plugged in will Produce an Outcome

Galatians 6:9

Blisters produce Blessings. Many times the only way to see the blessing of God is to be busy in the work of God. In order to reap a harvest of fruit or vegetables, we have to labor in the garden working the soil to produce those fruit and vegetables.

Only time will tell the impact that our lives make for Christ through the lives of our children and the others that we influence.