



CITY CHAPEL
SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

MINISTRY SCHOOL Lesson 7 The Minister Of The Gospel.

INTRODUCTION

In this series, we have looked at the Kingdom, the World, and the Church. We have re-examined what the Scriptures say about the Believer and this is the conclusion: IF YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN THEN YOU ARE A MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL OF RECONCILIATION AND OF YOUR GIFTS. We will now focus on what that means according to Scripture and not according to church traditions.

¹⁰ As **each one** has received a gift, **minister** it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:10

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the

ministry of reconciliation,

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

*But you are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light"*

1 Peter 2:5-9.

and has made us **kings and priests** to His God **and** Father, to Him *be* glory **and** dominion forever **and** ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:6, 5:10

Everywhere you go, in the corporate world, the marketplace, the boardroom, the classroom or conference room, take the anointing of the Spirit there. Please stop saying your priest or pastor has a different anointing of the Spirit than you, they do not! Their gift may be different to yours but the Spirit is the same! Therefore you too can have mighty exploits, testimonies and encounters like anyone in the bible or church history.



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EVERYONE A MINISTER

If you look at the Church today, you see two classes, the Clergy and the Laity. You have the Ministers of the Gospel and the Members. You have the Pulpit and the Pew. In other words, you have two levels side by side in the church.

THIS IS NOT GOD'S DESIGN! The vision of God for His church is that of The Priesthood of ALL Believers. This means that everyone has direct and immediate access to God and they do not need an intermediary to broker His Presence or sacraments, like communion, baptism, or pray

WHAT IS A MINISTER?

We will now start today's session by looking at what or how a Minister functions. This revelation of scripture and teaching has the potential to change your life completely as you begin to have a different view of yourself.

There are three key offices that every New Testament Believer occupies and we will examine all three here.

#1 PROPHET

²⁹ Then Moses said to him, "Are you \square zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the LORD's people were prophets *and* that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!"

Numbers 11:29

This very prophetic statement was made by Moses thousands of years ago and long before the advent of Christ and the Cross. God had instructed Moses to anoint seventy leaders or elders who would help him carry the burden of ministry to the massive new nation of Israelites in the wilderness. Two of the seventy for some reason were not at the official gathering but were far away among the nominal people in the camp. As the Lord God took of the Spirit upon Moses and put it on those gathered, the two missing leaders Eldad and Medad spontaneously began to prophesy far away amongst the people. Joshua who was young in ministry then, did not like that and asked Moses to stop them!

Moses then replied with the statement enshrined in scripture above.

The heart of God is that ALL His people carry His Spirit in fullness and manifest it wherever they go. His Will is that you operate like the prophets of Old even if you do not carry the Office of a Prophet. Just like in the days of Moses, where God took of His Spirit that was upon one man and placed it on many, so even in these last days, the Lord is pouring out His Spirit upon the many so that the focus and burden of ministry would not be upon a few.



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And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall **prophesy**,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall **prophesy**.

Acts 2:17-18

The same Spirit that is upon your Pastor is upon you and within you! There is no difference! It is the same Holy Ghost. There is this 'silly' doctrine especially in the Charismatic and Pentecostal churches where nominal members of Churches want to be around 'men/women of God' so that they can 'catch' their anointing. It is a wrong doctrine and makes a mockery of what Christ has done!

The role of the so called 'Five Fold' Ministers is to 'activate' what has been given to you through the Holy Spirit. The best any Man or Woman of God can do is stir up or activate what is already within you!

¹⁴ Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, [that special endowment] which was intentionally bestowed on you [by the Holy Spirit] through prophetic utterance when the ¹⁴elders laid their hands on you [at your ordination].

1 Timothy 4:14 AMP

⁶ That is why I remind you to ^{6a}fan into flame the gracious gift of God, [that inner fire—the special endowment] which is in you through the laying on of my hands [with those of the elders at your ordination].

2 Timothy 1:6 AMP

That is why I remind you to use the gift God gave you. God gave you that gift when I laid my hands on you. Now let it grow, as a small flame grows into a fire.

2 Timothy 1:6 ICB



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The five fold ministers are 'brokers' of God's Grace and Spirit not 'transmitters' of God's anointing. This is a slight but very important point which shifts the emphasis away from man back unto God. Its good and healthy to be around Women and Men that encourage you in your faith and spiritual life. However this should not gravitate into hero worship, idolatry and focus away from Christ. So wherever you go, carry the ANOINTING and Presence of God like the Prophets did. You need to walk in this revelation and understanding in the classroom, cloakroom, bedroom, boardroom and conference room.

²⁰ But you have an anointing from the Holy One [you have been set apart, specially gifted and prepared by the Holy Spirit], and all of you know [the truth because He teaches us, illuminates our minds, and guards us from error].

1 John 2:20

The Anointing (The Presence of the Holy Spirit) is for every Believer to enable them function as witnesses for Christ in the workplace, marketplace and everywhere they work, live or socialise. You do not need to 'rely' on any Pastor or Prophet to function. You have the main source of all wisdom, life and Peace.

²⁷ As for you, the anointing [the special gift, the preparation] which you received from Him remains [permanently] in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you. But just as His anointing teaches you [giving you insight through the presence of the Holy Spirit] about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as His anointing has taught you, ¹⁶you must remain in Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him]. 1 John 2:27

#2 PRIEST

Your next function as a Believer of Christ is that of an intermediary between human beings and God. It is your job to bridge the gap between the two. This is called reconciliation and it is what all of us are called to do. We as Believers have 'outsourced' this role to the clergy and its not the agenda of God.

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16



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The Priest was God's representative that helped people remit their sins with a forgiving God. The Priest helped transfer of sins unto a lamb. Our job now as New Testament Priests is to support people and navigate them to transfer their sins unto the Lamb of God.

You need to walk in the awareness that you are the Priest in your Home, on your street, in your neighbourhood, at your workplace, your business, wider family, amongst your friends and everywhere you go.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. ³ The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.
Isaiah 60:2-3

This theme of You as light shining for those in the darkness runs through the scriptures and helps us see our function more clearly. Do not be fooled or deceived, you are the LIGHT in your workplace!

¹⁵ so that you may prove yourselves to be blameless *and* guileless, innocent *and* uncontaminated, children of God without blemish in the midst of a [morally] crooked and [spiritually] perverted generation, among whom you are seen as bright lights [beacons shining out clearly] in the world [of darkness],
Philippians 2:15

⁹ But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A CONSECRATED NATION, A [special] PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.
1 Peter 2:9

It is now your role to be the witness and priest in your workplace and your neighbourhood. It is your mandate from God to show that you are different even though you are human like them.

¹² Keep your behaviour excellent among the [unsaved] Gentiles [conduct yourself honourably, with graciousness and integrity], so that [for whatever reason they may slander you as evildoers, yet by observing your good deeds they may [instead come to] glorify God [in the day of visitation [when He looks upon them with mercy].
1 Peter 2:12



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#3 PRINCE

I have coined the word 'prince' just as a translation for King. God has made us Kings and Priests unto him according to

and has made us **kings and priests** to His God **and** Father, to Him *be* glory **and** dominion forever **and** ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:6, 5:10

Everyone of us have a physical domain of governance that we are responsible for. Inherent within Mankind is the bestowment of responsibility of our physical world.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, **over ^{all} the earth** and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth

Genesis 1:26

You have a God given endowment to govern the physical aspects of your life with the Wisdom and Grace that comes from Him. Your bills, your mortgage, rent, house, car, job and responsibilities, your training, physical body, material things, family and relationships within your sphere of influence. No matter how poor or rich, every living man has a domain over which she/he rules.

And have made us **kings** and priests to our God;

And we shall reign on the earth." Rev 5:10

You have made them to be a kingdom **[of royal subjects]** and priests to our God; and they will reign on the earth." Rev 5:10 AMP

The word kings is the Greek word *basileus* which is translated; leader of the people, prince, commander, lord of the land, king.

¹⁷ Whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus [and in dependence on Him], giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:17

⁴ So Joseph found favor in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all *that* he had he put ^{under} his authority. ⁵ So it was, from the time *that* he had made him overseer of his house and all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had in the house and in the field. ⁶ Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's ^{hand}, and he did not know what he had except for the ^{bread} which he ate.



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SUMMARY

You are the Minister of God. As such you are to always remember that you are a Prophet, Priest and Prince.

PROPHET (active word – Spirit)

- Everything to do with God
- Your prayer life
- The voice of God
- Revelations and dreams
- Devotional life
- Time with God
- The Word of God
- Gifts of the Spirit

PRIEST (active word – Love)

- Everything to do with people
- Example to your family
- Relating to people of all classes
- Broker between sinners and God
- Your witness in the workplace
- Sharing the Gospel
- Praying for people
- Fruit of the Spirit
- Visiting, socialising, supporting etc
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PRINCE (active word – Wisdom)

- Everything towards material and physical things
- Governance and oversight of things
- Stewardship over material possessions
- Care of the physical body – clothing, diet and hygiene



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- Stewardship of money – payment of bills, financial responsibilities
- Taking care of your pets, land, gardening etc
- General oversight of all things physical and mental in your life

HOMEWORK

Divide your life into these three offices and list all things that you are to remember to do or be