



Effective Ministry in the Time of COVID

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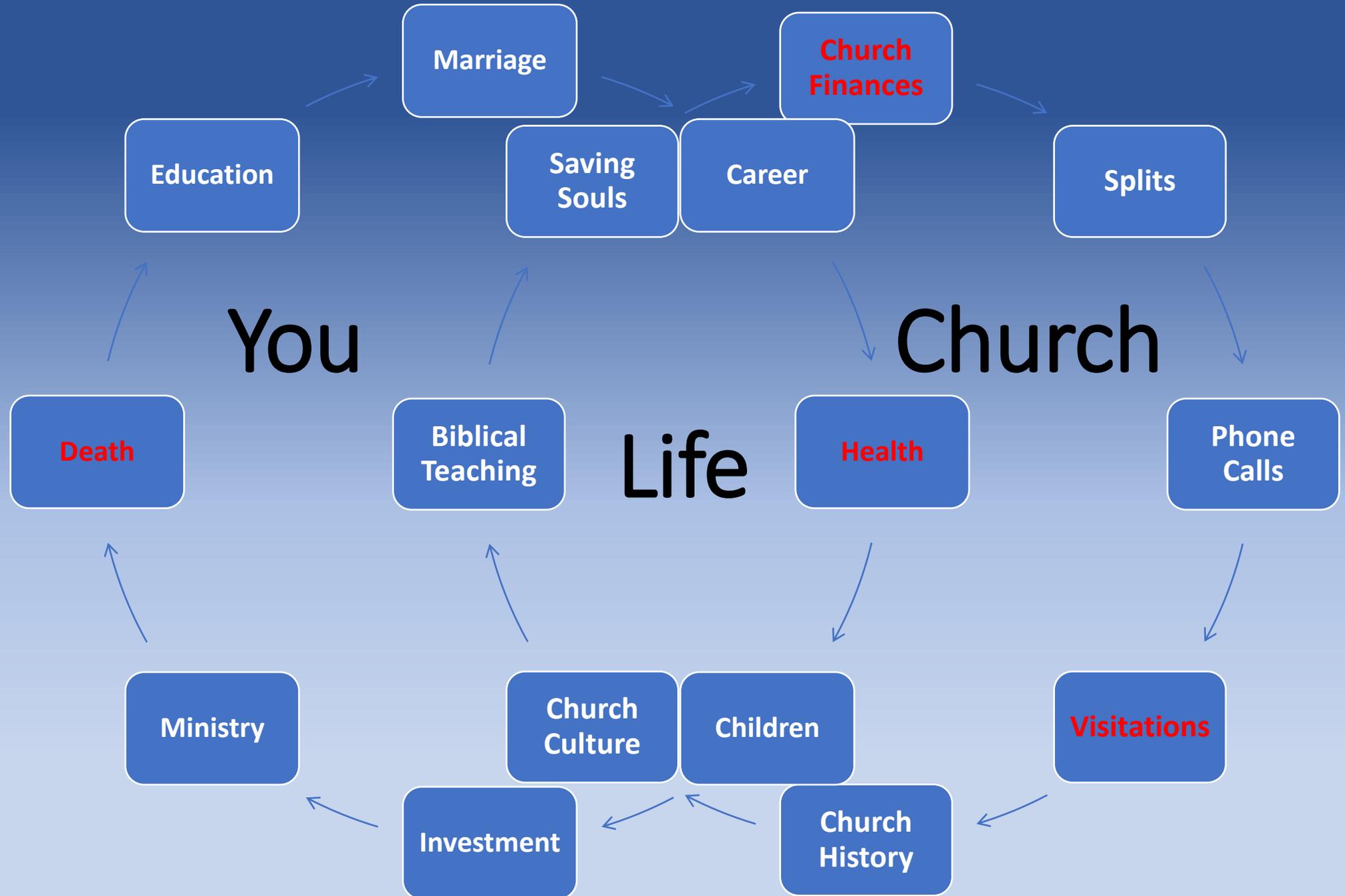
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**HOW HAS YOUR MINISTRY CHANGED
IN THE MIDST OF COVID19?**





WE STILL HAVE A MANDATE TO SERVE

- A Good Servant is Always Seeking the Interests of Others Before His Own
- A Good Servant is Willing to Perform the Menial or Despised Tasks
- A Good Servant is Willing to Serve in Secret Without Applause
- A Good Servant Knows and Uses His Gifts



WE DO NOT BELONG TO OURSELVES

2 Corinthians 6:1-10,

1We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.2 (For he saith , I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold , now is the accepted time; behold , now is the day of salvation.) 3Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed : 4But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,5In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; 6By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,7By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,8By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;9As unknown, and yet well known ; as dying , and, behold , we live ; as chastened , and not killed ; 10As sorrowful , yet alway rejoicing ; as poor, yet making many rich ; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things



FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF THE WORD OF GOD

- Seeks to Present the Fulness of Gods Word
- Shares the Mystery of Gods Word with Everyone



LEAD FOLLOWERS TO MATURITY

- Matured by Preaching Christ
- Matured by Ministers Admonishing Others
- Matured by Ministers Teaching Practically

- Children
- Young Men
- Fathers



THIS IS NOT EASY

IT IS NOT WORK WHEN YOU LOVE WHAT YOU DO!!

- Studying and Teaching Gods Word
- Discipling our own bodies
- Prayer life
- Consistent in all we do



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1 Timothy 4:1-16, 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron ; 3 Forbidding to marry , and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. 6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, where unto thou hast attained . 7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profiteth little : but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come . 9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation. 10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach , because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe. 11 These things command and teach . 12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come , give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. 15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. 16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee



RELY ON GOD

- Keep Your Own Intimate Relationship with God
- Faith



WHAT IS FAITH?



Can Not
See It



Can Not
Taste It



Can Not
Hear It



Can Not
Smell It



Can Not
Feel it



Can Not
Perceive
It

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.



EXERCISE FAITH

James 1:5-8

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Hebrews 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Matthew 17:20

20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

James 2:18

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.



HOW DOES COVID END?

Jeremiah
29:11

- For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Romans
28:8

- And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

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Corinthians
10:13

- There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it

1 Peter 5:10

- But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS?



APPENDIX SLIDES



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1 Timothy 3:1-7, 1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;3Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) 6Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.7Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil

Titus 1:5-11, 5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting , and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.7For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;8But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers . 10For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.



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1 Timothy 5:17-25, 17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. 18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward. 19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. 20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. 21 I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality. 22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. 23 Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. 24 Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after. 25 Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

1 Peter 5:1-8, 1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. 5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves herefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour



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1 Corinthians 12:23-31 23And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.24For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together , having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked : 25That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.26And whether one member suffer , all the members suffer with it ; or one member be honoured , all the members rejoice with it . 27Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.28And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?30Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret ? 31But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way

1 Corinthians 9:22-27 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.23And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you. 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all , but one receiveth the prize? So run , that ye may obtain . 25And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things . Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.26I therefore so run , not as uncertainly; so fight I , not as one that beateth the air:27But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection : lest that by any means , **when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.**



TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS WILL COME

1 John 2:16

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

2 Timothy 3:12

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

James 1:12-15

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.



God Expects a Different Response

Leaders

- Zechariah
- Moses
- Church Leaders

- Elders

Scriptures

- Luke 1:5-20
- Numbers 20:11-12
- Romans 2:21-24
- Acts 20:28
- John 3:30
- Proverbs 16:12
- Matthew 18:6
- 2 Peter 2:21
- Luke 12:47-48
- 1 Timothy 5:19-20



HEROES OF FAITH

People of Faith

- 3 Hebrews Boys
- Abraham
- Sarah
- Noah
- Stephen
- Martyr's

Scriptures

- Daniel 3:16-18
- Hebrews 11:17-19
- Hebrews 11:11-12
- Hebrews 11:7
- Acts 7:55-60
- Hebrews 11:35-40

Hebrews 11:6

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