

OTHER MINISTRIES IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

Part 9

I. CHURCH IS FILLED WITH MANY UNIQUE AND VARIED MINISTRIES

- A. Body of Christ (I Cor. 12:12-27)
- B. Gifts of the Spirit
- C. Intercessors, preachers, healers, workers of miracles
- D. Counselors, administrators
- E. Singers, musicians
- F. Typists, secretaries, bookkeepers
- G. Maintenance persons

II. MINISTRY OF HELPS - I COR. 12:28

- A. Supportive role
 - 1. To uphold by aid, to assist as a subordinate character (one who functions underneath to uphold another)
 - 2. To be able to supply the funds necessary to continue on
 - 3. To assist or further a cause, or to act as an aid or an attendant of someone or something
- B. Ministry within itself or a steppingstone toward promotion (many called but few chosen)
- C. Apostles started their ministry as disciples
 - 1. Made preparations before Jesus ministered
 - a. Upper room
 - b. Donkey to ride upon
 - 2. Helping in feeding 5000
 - a. Seated people in ranks by hundreds and fifties
 - b. Gave them to eat
 - c. Took up fragments
- D. Relieved Jesus for ministry

III. OTHER MINISTRIES - ROM. 12:4-8

- A. Exhorters
 - 1. An appeal, an entreaty, encouragement, consolation, and comfort
 - a. To comfort, cheer up
 - b. Called to someone's aid
 - c. Intercede for someone sick
 - d. Coming to aid of those fallen
 - 2. To admonish, or to urge someone to pursue some course of action
 - a. Encourage people to come into God's presence
 - b. Warning of impending dangers and encouraging watchfulness
- B. Showers of mercy
 - 1. Sympathy manifested in an act
 - 2. Outward manifestation of pity
 - a. Assumes need on part of one who receives
 - b. Resources adequate to meet need

3. Exercising forgiveness
4. Providing physical needs
5. Rewards
 - a. Brings happiness (Pr. 14:21,22) - *"He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he."*
 - b. Brings life (Pr. 21:21) *"He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life..."*
 - c. Brings more mercy (Mt. 5:7) *"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."*
6. Examples
 - a. Dorcas (Acts 9:36-42)
 - b. Good Samaritan (Lu. 10:33-35)
- C. Givers
 1. God pours blessings upon us in turn to bless others
 2. Attitude
 - a. Minister freely (Mt. 10:8)
 - b. Willingly (II Cor. 8)
 - c. Liberally
 - d. As unto the Lord
 - e. In love

IV. WORD OF CAUTION

- A. When confronted with need, can excuse ourselves - "Not my ministry"
- B. Every Christian has measure of responsibility in every area
- C. God will give special skills in certain areas to be greater blessing

V. FINDING OUR PLACE IN THE BODY

- A. Recognize that you personally have an important place of function and responsibility before the Lord
- B. Recognize that God has made you perfectly suited to the ministry to which He has called you
- C. Recognize that it is God who equips you with the gifts necessary to fulfill your ministry
- D. Recognize the headship of Jesus Christ and be subject to Him in all things
- E. Recognize that all ministry equals and begins with service
- F. Recognize the area of service to which God is calling you
- G. Recognize that no one ministry is more important than another
- H. Recognize that all ministry develops over a period of time
- I. Recognize that we will only be as successful as we are willing to sacrificially apply ourselves
- J. Recognize that God is going to give you special grace or divine enablement to do His will