

## MINISTERS IN TRAINING

1. GOING FORTH WITHOUT BEING PREPARED.
  1. Story of Ahimaaz and Cushai (II Sam. 18:19-32)
    1. Joah to Ahimaaz - "Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day."
    2. "Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast notidings ready?"
    3. "I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was."
  2. Should not run without a message.
  3. There will be another day.
  
2. TIME OF PREPARATION.
  1. Moses spent 40 years on the back side of desert in preparation to deliver God's people from Egypt.
  2. Jesus prepared 30 years for 3 1/2 years of ministry.
    1. He knew who he was at 12 years of age.
    2. Yet he remained under the discipline of his parents until the appointed time of the Father.
    3. He fulfilled all the requirements of the law.
  3. Paul was instructed at the feet of Gamaliel.
  4. David's progress toward the throne.
    1. Anointed king while a lad.
      1. Continued faithful to his father's flock.
      2. Fought off beast; killed the giant.
    2. Remained submissive to Saul.
      1. Recognized God's call upon Saul.
      2. Knew God's divine order.
    3. Time came to be anointed king of Judah; then over all Israel.

3. THOSE WHO SERVED AS APPRENTICES IN THE MINISTRY.
  1. Elisha received the mantle, but stayed right with Elijah before his time arrived; would not let him out of his sight.
  2. Joshua was an assistant to Moses before he assumed leadership of the children of Israel.
  3. Timothy was an understudy of Paul.
  
4. UNDER TUTORS AND GOVERNORS (Gal. 4).
  1. An heir as long as he is a child...(in training) differed nothing from a servant, though he is destined to be lord over all.
  2. Under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the Father.
  3. There will come a time that you will take your rightful place.
  4. In the meantime, that does not mean you are powerless or can do nothing; there is work to do as an apprentice.
  
5. PREPARING YOURSELF FOR THE MINISTRY.
  1. Find a good local church where you can learn; find a good mentor; a pastor that you can join yourself together with, to learn from, and to make yourself available to.
    1. Kenneth Copeland served his time with Oral Roberts.
    2. Buddy Harrison served time with Kenneth Hagin.
  2. Become a servant; be willing to do what needs to be done; all ministry is born out of a servant's attitude.
    1. Be willing to take the low seat.
    2. Prove yourself faithful in that which is another man's (Lu. 16:12) -  
*"And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?"*
  3. Have a teachable spirit.
    1. Don't have the attitude that you know as much as the teacher.
    2. Don't assume the attitude that you already know as much as you

need to know.

4. Become a student.
  1. II Tim. 2:15 - *"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*
  2. I Peter. 3:15 - *"...and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.."*
  3. Learn all you can wherever you can; practice taking notes when you hear a sermon.