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YOU ARE CALLED TO MINISTER

Did you know that all Christians are called to “minister”? That doesn’t mean they are Pastors, or Apostles, or Prophets, or Teachers, or Evangelists. It means they are ordinary people who are being equipped by those five gifts to the Church so that they can minister. Ephesians 4:11-12 says, ***“And he gave some, apostles, and some, prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.”***

It is not the job of your Pastor, or any other part of the fivefold ministry to do all of the work. Every believer should be in “training” to be able to minister to the lost. Everyone should know how to share their testimony and how to be an effective witness for Jesus. Too often there is not any discipleship that equips the saints.

For centuries many religious leaders taught the common man/woman to not read the Bible. The leaders of these groups controlled the people because they did not know what the Bible said. An awakening came when the printing press printed the Bible, and things began to change. People were able to read the Bible and get to know the God that inspired it. They treasured being able to finally read the scriptures.

Over the years, many have taken for granted the persecution that these great saints went through to finally learn truth and share it with others. Most Christians have never read the Bible all the way through. I taught a Sunday School class years ago and requested that the young people memorize one verse a week, that went along with a Bible theme that they were taught. The parents were angry that I requested that this be done. They said their kids had enough “homework” to do, and they would not make them learn the verse. How sad! I often wonder what happened to those kids.

We should learn the word, and then minister that word to others. Just think what would happen if everyone did that! We could reach the world for Jesus. I am sure this is the Father’s plan, but man has let it slide. I suggest that you be the one to make it change. Read your Bible daily and be ready to minister to those in need. Be blessed!