

PART III—WE MINISTER IN ALL AREAS

Remember that God’s grace is sufficient for any circumstance we may find ourselves in. *He enables. He anoints us for the task at hand. We can count on Him.*

How do we know that all Christians are enjoined and enabled to minister in the areas of all the gifts? The Bible makes it clear:

1. Perceiving: *You are* to perceive God’s will in various degrees of situations.

We should all perceive spiritual truth:

11 And He replied to them, To you it has been given to know the secrets *and* mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. Matt 13:11 TAB

We should all seek wisdom:

“That people may know skill and godly wisdom and instruction, discern (perceive) and comprehend the words of understanding and insight.” Prov. 1:2 TAB

2. Serving: *You are* to serve the Lord and other people in a variety of ways.

We should all serve God:

“Serve the Lord with gladness! Come before His presence with singing!” Ps 100:2 TAB

We should all serve others:

...But through love you should serve one another. Gal. 5:13 TAB

We should all serve Jesus:

26 If anyone serves Me, he must continue to follow Me [^bto cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying] and wherever I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. John 12:26 TAB

3. Teaching: *You are* to teach others in appropriate ways.

We should all be prepared to teach:

15 Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth. II Tim. 2:15 TAB

We should all teach one another:

16 Let the word [spoken by] Christ (the Messiah) have its home [in your hearts and minds] and dwell in you in [all its] richness, as you teach and admonish and train one another in all insight and intelligence and wisdom [in spiritual things... Col 3:16 TAB

We should all teach others to obey the commands of Jesus:

19 Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them ^binto the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you....Matt 28:19-20 TAB

4. Exhorting: *You are* to exhort admonish, and encourage others.

We should exhort one another whenever we gather together:

25 Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together [as believers], as is the habit of some people, but admonishing (warning, urging, and encouraging) one another, and all the more faithfully as you see the day approaching. Heb. 10:25 TAB

We should all devote ourselves to exhortation:

13 Till I come, devote yourself to [public and private] reading, to exhortation (preaching and personal appeals), and to teaching and instilling doctrine. I Tim 4:13 TAB

We should all exhort every day:

13 But instead warn (admonish, urge, and encourage) one another every day, as long as it is called Today, that none of you may be hardened [into settled rebellion] by the deceitfulness of sin [by the fraudulence, the stratagem, the trickery which the delusive glamor of his sin may play on him]. Heb 3:13 TAB

5. Giving: *You are* to give of your resources and energies to God and to others.

We should all be generous:

38 Give, and [gifts] will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over... Luke 6:38 TAB

We should all give freely:

...Freely (without pay) you have received, freely (without charge) give. Matt. 10:8 TAB

We should all be responsible for the support of ministry:

13 Contribute to the needs of God's people [sharing in the necessities of the saints]; pursue the practice of hospitality. Romans 12:13 TAB

6. Administering: *You are* to lead as God calls you to do so.

We should all lead with a servant's heart:

...You know that those who are recognized as governing *and* are supposed to rule the Gentiles (the nations) lord it over them [ruling with absolute power, holding them in subjection], and their great men exercise authority *and* dominion over them.

43 But this is not to be so among you; instead, whoever desires to be great among you must be your servant, Mark 10:42-43 TAB

We should all begin by administering right where we are:

21 His master said to him, Well done, you upright (honorable, admirable) and faithful servant! You have been faithful and trustworthy over a little; I will put you in charge of much....Matt. 25:21 TAB

We should all look to God for a leadership position:

"But God is the judge! He puts down one and lifts up another." Psalm 75:7 TAB

7. Showing Compassion: *You are* to show love, compassion, and mercy to others.

We should all abound in mercy:

7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Matt 5:7 KJV

We should all be loving:

8 Finally, all [of you] should be of one and the same mind (united in spirit), sympathizing [with one another], loving [each other] as brethren [of one household], compassionate and courteous (tenderhearted and humble). I Peter 3:8 TAB

We should all show compassion to others:

Thus has the Lord of hosts spoken: Execute true judgment and show mercy and kindness and tender compassion every man to his brother. Zech 7:9 TAB