



MIN 101 – The Life of a Minister

Lecture Notes

Matthew 16:13-19 (Contemporary English Version)

13 When Jesus and his disciples were near the town of Caesarea Philippi, he asked them, "What do people say about the Son of Man?" 14 The disciples answered, "Some people say you are John the Baptist or maybe Elijah or Jeremiah or some other prophet." 15 Then Jesus asked them, "But who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus told him: Simon, son of Jonah, you are blessed! You didn't discover this on your own. It was shown to you by my Father in heaven. 18 So I will call you Peter, which means "a rock." On this rock I will build my church, and death itself will not have any power over it. 19 I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and God in heaven will allow whatever you allow on earth. But he will not allow anything that you don't allow.

1) Guard your heart through a _____ personal time with God

Proverbs 4:23 (New Living Translation)

23 Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

Luke 5:15-16 (New International Version)

15 Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. 16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

2) Your number one ministry in life is your _____

I Corinthians 13:4-8a (The Message)

4-8a Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always "me first," doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies.

Here's the order of your responsibilities:

*God

*Family

*Ministry

Matthew 18:19 (King James Version)

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

Ephesians 5:22-33 (The Message)

22-24 Wives, understand and support your husbands in ways that show your support for Christ. The husband provides leadership to his wife the way Christ does to his church, not by

domineering but by cherishing. So just as the church submits to Christ as he exercises such leadership, wives should likewise submit to their husbands. 25-28 Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting. Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her, dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness. And that is how husbands ought to love their wives. They're really doing themselves a favor—since they're already "one" in marriage. 29-33 No one abuses his own body, does he? No, he feeds and pampers it. That's how Christ treats us, the church, since we are part of his body. And this is why a man leaves father and mother and cherishes his wife. No longer two, they become "one flesh." This is a huge mystery, and I don't pretend to understand it all. What is clearest to me is the way Christ treats the church. And this provides a good picture of how each husband is to treat his wife, loving himself in loving her, and how each wife is to honor her husband.

Ephesians 4:32 (New International Version)

32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 6:4 (New Living Translation)

4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

Proverbs 11:29 (The Message)

29 Exploit or abuse your family, and end up with a fistful of air; common sense tells you it's a stupid way to live.

3) Remove the _____ for failure in your life

I Thessalonians 5:22 (King James Version)

22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

I Timothy 6:10 (Contemporary English Version)

10 The love of money causes all kinds of trouble. Some people want money so much that they have given up their faith and caused themselves a lot of pain.

Proverbs 6:26 (New International Version)

27 Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned?

II Timothy 2:22 (New Living Translation)

22 Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

Job 31:1 (New Living Translation)

1 "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look with lust at a young woman.

Proverbs 3:7 (Contemporary English Version)

7 Don't ever think that you are wise enough, but respect the LORD and stay away from evil.

Ephesians 4:26-27 (King James Version)

26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil.

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4) Don't get so busy " _____ " the ministry that you forget about your calling

Luke 5:1-11 (New International Version)

1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, 2 he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Romans 9:28 (The Message)

God doesn't count us; he calls us by name. Arithmetic is not his focus.

Ephesians 1:4 (The Message)

Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.

Ephesians 5:5 (The Message)

You can be sure that using people or religion or things just for what you can get out of them--the usual variations on idolatry--will get you nowhere, and certainly nowhere near the kingdom of Christ, the kingdom of God.

1 Peter 5:2 (The Message)

Here's my concern: that you care for God's flock with all the diligence of a shepherd. Not because you have to, but because you want to please God. Not calculating what you can get out of it, but acting spontaneously.

5) Develop relationships _____ and outside of your church

Proverbs 27:5 (Contemporary English Version)

5 A truly good friend will openly correct you.

Ephesians 6:21 (The Message)

21 Tychicus, my good friend here, will tell you what I'm doing and how things are going with me. He is certainly a dependable servant of the Master! I've sent him not only to tell you about us but to cheer you on in your faith.

Philippians 2:25 (The Message)

25 But for right now, I'm dispatching Epaphroditus, my good friend and companion in my work. You sent him to help me out; now I'm sending him to help you out.

Proverbs 11:30 (New Living Translation)

30 The seeds of good deeds become a tree of life; a wise person wins friends.

Proverbs 17:17 (The Message)

17 Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick together in all kinds of trouble.

6) _____ your time; don't let others monopolize your time**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (The Message)**

1 There's an opportune time to do things, a right time for everything on the earth: 2-8 A right time for birth and another for death, A right time to plant and another to reap, A right time to kill and another to heal, A right time to destroy and another to construct, A right time to cry and another to laugh, A right time to lament and another to cheer, A right time to make love and another to abstain, A right time to embrace and another to part, A right time to search and another to count your losses, A right time to hold on and another to let go, A right time to rip out and another to mend, A right time to shut up and another to speak up, A right time to love and another to hate, A right time to wage war and another to make peace.

7) Don't allow _____ people to discourage you**II Chronicles 20:15-18 (Contemporary English Version)**

15 Then Jahaziel said: Your Majesty and everyone from Judah and Jerusalem, the LORD says that you don't need to be afraid or let this powerful army discourage you. God will fight on your side! 16 So here's what you must do. Tomorrow the enemy armies will march through the desert around the town of Jeruel. March down and meet them at the town of Ziz as they come up the valley. 17 You won't even have to fight. Just take your positions and watch the LORD rescue you from your enemy. Don't be afraid. Just do as you're told. And as you march out tomorrow, the LORD will be there with you. 18 Jehoshaphat bowed low to the ground and everyone worshiped the LORD.

8) Find the _____: Don't overwork yourself, but don't be lazy either**Proverbs 19:15 (Contemporary English Version)**

15 If you are lazy and sleep your time away, you will starve.

II Thessalonians 2:6-9 (The Message)

6-9 Our orders—backed up by the Master, Jesus—are to refuse to have anything to do with those among you who are lazy and refuse to work the way we taught you. Don't permit them to freeload on the rest. We showed you how to pull your weight when we were with you, so get on with it. We didn't sit around on our hands expecting others to take care of us. In fact, we worked our fingers to the bone, up half the night moonlighting so you wouldn't be

burdened with taking care of us. And it wasn't because we didn't have a right to your support; we did. We simply wanted to provide an example of diligence, hoping it would prove contagious.

Proverbs 12:14 (New Living Translation)

14 Wise words bring many benefits, and hard work brings rewards.

Proverbs 14:23 (New International Version)

23 All hard work brings a profit, but mere talk leads only to poverty.

Proverbs 21:5 (New Living Translation)

5 Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.

9) Never stop _____

Proverbs 18:15 (The Message)

15 Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights.

Proverbs 19:27 (The Message)

15 If you stop learning, you will forget what you already know.

II Peter 1:2 (Contemporary English Version)

2 I pray that God will be kind to you and will let you live in perfect peace! May you keep learning more and more about God and our Lord Jesus.

10) Learn how to _____ for your sake and for everyone else's

Genesis 2:2 (New International Version)

2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.

Matthew 11:28 (Contemporary English Version)

28 If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest.