

REDEMPTION LIFE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

International, Charismatic & Dynamic Ministerial Bible Church

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Ministers' Manna

The Making Of A Successful & Fulfilling Ministry

(A Summary of the 'Ministerial Teaching Seminar' By – **Revd Chukie MORSI**)

Colossians 4:17 *"And say to Archippus, **Take heed to the ministry** which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou **fulfil it.**"*

Isaiah 52:7 *"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"*

John 17:4 *"I have **glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work** which thou gavest me to do."*

2 Timothy 4:1-8 *"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 **But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.** 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 **I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing"***

Who is a successful & fulfilled Gospel Minister? He is a minister marked by faithfulness and fruitfulness; not necessarily by money, flashy cars, a big congregation or magnificent Cathedral.

John 15:8, 16 *"**Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. . . Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain:** that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."*

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 "Let a **man so account of us**, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. **2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.**"

Some ministers are called to big cities, to establish and plant churches while others are of a more humble calling. But the mark to either case is faithfulness and fruitfulness, for in these, God is glorified as one plants and waters with the Word by the Holy Spirit.

Notable Guidelines To A Successful And Fulfilling Ministry

- 1.** You must have a **personal encounter** with the Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ: This will authenticate your calling. You cannot be blind to the saving grace in Christ Jesus and be a carrier of His grace. Matthew 4:19; Matthew 10:8; John 3:3, 5, 16-18.
- 2.** You must be a **man of honest** report: A Man of integrity, noble and sound testimony of their faith in the Lord. There should be no room for dishonesty in handling money and in relationships with people. Holiness unto the Lord must be your maxim; hence our hearts will be pure. Having a conscience void of offence towards God and man. Acts 24:16; Acts 6:2; 1 Timothy 3:1-9; (1 John 1:7-9).
- 3.** You must be **filled, controlled or led and anointed** by the Holy Spirit: God's work is not by might nor by power but by the Spirit – Zechariah 4:6; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8; Acts 10:38; Micah 3:8; John 7:37-39; Luke 11:9-13.
- 4.** You must have a **deep knowledge and clear understanding** of the Bible – The word of God: That is, to know full well that you are called to preach the word of God and nothing else; He can't overrule the word of God. Knowing full well that human philosophies, modern theology, current affairs, journalism, politics and tales may sound interesting but they can never meet the yearnings of the human heart, that is, the spirit-being of man. Matthew 4:3; Jeremiah 23:28-29; Jeremiah 1:12; Isaiah 55:10-11; The scripture 2 Timothy 2:15 say – You must study **The Word** and not just study about **The word**. Ezra 7:19; Matthew 13:52, John 1:1-5.
- 5.** You must be a minister with a **burning passion** for souls: John 13:1; Romans 9:1-3; Romans 10:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8; Acts 20:20-21; 2 Corinthians 5:11,14.
- 6.** You must be a minister who **watch and prays**: Prayer is life line of any minister that will be successful and fulfilled in any capacity wherein God has called such. Prayer is the place of strength for a sincere minister. Isaiah 40:28-31; Acts 6:4.
- 7.** You must learn to **give all the glory to Jesus** for whatsoever result you obtain in the Ministry.

Conclusion:

1 Timothy 4:15 "**Meditate upon these things**; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all."