

Valley Baptist Missions Education Center - Training Session Two

“THE MINISTER’S MINISTRY”

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REVIEW

THE MINISTER’S RESUME

Having prayed and chosen the twelve, Jesus took them to the mountain and told them who they were – inherited characteristics. This is who we are – our resume - “*Blessed*”

- Blessed by what we have – The more we possess, the more blessed we are.
 - Blessed by what we do. The more we achieve, the more blessed we are.
 - Jesus says neither. Blessing has to do with being – who we are. The more like Jesus we are, the more blessed we are.
 - The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:3-12
1. “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God.”
 2. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”
 3. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”
 4. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”
 5. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
 6. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”
 7. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.
 8. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”
- Warning: Only possible for disciples;
 - Encouragement: These men were disciples before they knew about these attributes.

THE MINISTER’S TIME MANAGEMENT

- God created time as we know it. Genesis 1:14
- God sent Jesus in the fullness of time. Galatians 4:4-5
- God will someday call time. Revelation 10:5-6
- God – in the meantime – wants us to redeem the time. Eph. 5:15-16; Col. 4:5
- Myths of Time Management
 - * I just need more time.
 - * If I work longer, I’ll accomplish more.
 - * If I work harder, I’ll accomplish more.
 - * I can manage my time.

CONFLICT IN MINISTRY: A MEASURE OF MINISTRY

2 Corinthians 4:7-9

- COPING WITH GOD-ALLOWED CONFLICT – “*hard pressed*”
“*not crushed*”
- COPING WITH SELF-GENERATED CONFLICT – “*perplexed*”
“*not in despair*”
- COPING WITH HUMAN-CREATED CONFLICT – “*persecuted*”
“*not forsaken*”
- COPING WITH SATAN-CAUSED CONFLICT – “*struck down*”
“*not destroyed*”

THE MINISTER’S EQUIPPING FOR CONFLICT

Ephesians 6:10-20

- Empowered – 6:10
- Equipped – 6:11a, 13a, 20
- Positioned – 6:11b-13
- Armed – 6:14-17
- Advancing – 6:18-20

THE MINISTER’S CHURCH

Matthew 16:13-18

Upon This Rock

- If it is to be, it is up to HE.
- If it is to be, it is up to WE.
- If it is to be, it is up to ME.

THE MINISTER’S CONCLUSION

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments.” Ecclesiastes 12:13

- Solomon’s discouragement and conclusion.
- A perfect church
- A discouraged church – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Preview of March

- “The Minister’s Difficulties” (*DiscipleShape* 8 & 5)
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