

God's Plan of Ministry

The church is the family of God!

A. God has a team assigned to bring His family to Spiritual Maturity.

Ephesians 4:11

1. The prophets and apostles through their writings.
2. Evangelists through teaching us the value of Soul Winning.
3. Pastors and teachers through helping believers grow strong in faith.

B. God's purpose is:

To Build Up and Strengthen the Family

I. WHO IS TO DO THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY?

Ephesians 4:12

1. God's people.
All Believers are to do the work of the ministry.
2. Many churches reverse the divine plan.
Staff does the work of ministry.
Saints come to listen and critique studies and sermons.
3. The results of this backward plan are tragically devastating.
The family's spiritual growth moves at a snail's pace.
Reaching the community for Christ takes a back seat.
Members miss the blessings of family life and ministry.
4. God's plan is for ALL MEMBERS TO BE DOING THEIR PART.

II. WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY?

Ephesians 4:12

1. Ministry is anything that builds up the body of Christ.
What are you doing to build up the Family, the Body of Christ?
2. Ministry is caring for the afflicted.
Comfort the sick and grieving. **1 Thessalonians 5:11**
Visiting the fatherless and widows. **James 1:27**
3. Ministry is caring for the physical needs of members of the family. **Romans 12:13**
4. Ministry is caring for the spiritual needs of members of the family. **Galatians 6:1**
Caring for those who are struggling spiritually, not condemning them. **Ephesians 4:32**
5. Ministry is evangelizing. **Matthew 28:18-20**

III. WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ALL DO THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY?

Ephesians 4:13-16

1. The family is unified, and members of the family become Christlike. (v.13)
2. The family becomes solid in faith and doctrine (v.14)
3. LOVE FLOWS THROUGH ALL TEACHING AND PREACHING.
4. The family grows and is known for a spirit of love and fellowship.

CONCLUSION:

1. Let us Return to God's Plan for His Church, His family.
2. Let each of us reach for the mark of perfection – TO SERVE!
3. A Ministering Church family will reach its community for Christ.