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EQUIPPING MEN FOR THIS LIFE AND BEYOND

Old Man New Man – Marketplace Ministry/ You are Called by God

“Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly...” James 5:17

Are you called to Ministry? Is ministry for just a select few or is it for every disciple and follower of Jesus Christ? Today we’re going to answer these questions and many more. There is an important connection between your faith, your marriage and your job. Let’s discover these connections.

1. As we grow up there are different things that we may consider taboo to talk about.
 - a. Share with the group what are some of these things are?
2. “Ministry” makes us think of “ministers” and thus the “work of the ministry” we connect with the pastors, but is that what ministry really means?
 - a. What evidence do you see of ministry being for all believers?
3. Make a list of different professions [perhaps each one in the group could say what he does for a living].
 - a. Discuss how these professions open up/close opportunities for ministry by those Christians that work there.
4. How does bringing God into your job can change your job setting and/or returns for the company?
5. The early church was made up of professionals who took their discipleship seriously.
 - a. What did they do, and how did their service to God transform their world?
6. What would be the result if men in our churches took this concept to heart?
 - a. How would it change the city where your church is located?
7. What does marriage have to do with the marketplace?
 - a. What kind of support or contribution can a wife make to your marketplace setting?
8. Jack listed four levels of marketplace ministry involvement. Expand on their meaning and share the level in which you are now? What would it take for you to move to the next level?
 - **Survival**; show up in church weekends and that’s about it.
 - **Drawl**; be a Christian but not too loudly, just be good.

- **Start making a difference;** purposely acting as a Christian and begin sharing.
 - **Stand apart;** their life is so different, in a good way, that it attracts attention.
9. Jack emphasized prayer in the marketplace. He gave us examples of how companies were transformed by prayer.
 - a. How can prayer at your marketplace make a difference?
 - b. If you're not allowed to pray, how can you still be a blessing to others?
 10. How do these verses apply to our jobs and our culture?
 - a. 1 Peter 2:9.
 - b. Matthew 28:18-20
 - c. Ephesians 6:5-9

You are called by God to be his minister in the marketplace. The talent, skills and position you have puts you in the center of the action where God wants to work. Blue collar or white collar work, it doesn't matter, there are people around you who need God.

In order to have a more powerful effect in the market place, it's important that if we're married, we take care of our wife. Jack says that a man's ministry in the marketplace will only advance to the extent his marriage permits and by strengthening your marriage you also strengthen your career. If you're leaving your wife in the dust as you pursue God, you are running the race in vain.

Wherever you may go, whatever work you may be employed in, God is there with you and through you that place of work is now a place he abides.

You are God's minister in the marketplace. Keep it strong that the Lord's glory may cover the earth.

In your Group: Pray now that God would help you to become a true minister for God in your marketplace.

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