

Lesson 11

Ministering to Others

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VIDEO OUTLINE

Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *New King James Version*.

- I. There is always more for you to learn, more for you to experience, more for you to give, but don't let what you don't know stop you from doing what you do know. When you step out in what you know, what you have, and where you are, more will be given.
 - A. It's really more about who you know, anyway. You know Jesus. Start with your testimony. Your story makes a huge impact when it's authentic and genuine.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Revelation 12:11

- B. You know healing has already been provided. This is the most important thing to have in your heart as your starting place. You don't have to convince God to show up. Once and for all, you know that what He did has already been accomplished.

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

1 Peter 2:24

- C. Thank God for His love for us. Faith works by love. We must know how much God loves us; that revelation changes everything.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

Galatians 5:6

- D. It's not about us loving God, but about knowing how loved we are. And out of that place of knowing how loved we are, then we can respond to the love of God. Loving God is a response. We didn't love Him first.

We love Him because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19

- E. Love is how we minister to others. If you try to minister to other people out of human love, you are going to find yourself very frustrated and exhausted. God's love never fails.

Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

1 Corinthians 13:8

II. Why are we ministering?

- A. Knowing that we're already loved by God, our faith works effectively. We can have compassion for people that originates from the Spirit of God.

I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Philemon 1:4-6

- B. We don't do ministry to get God to love us. We don't do ministry to get people to love us or win some kind of popularity contest.
- C. The "why" is in the love of God. Everything else flows from that solid foundation and becomes effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing that's in us.

III. Let's look to the life of Jesus to see how Jesus did ministry.

- A. Jesus did what He saw the Father do.

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."

John 5:19

- B. Jesus was always led by the Holy Spirit, but He was moved by compassion. Compassion is the love of God responding to human need. Compassion, flowing from God's love through us as His body in the earth, is fuel for the supernatural.

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:14

- C. Jesus was so moved by compassion that He began to instruct them, which caused supernatural results in their hearts.

And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

Mark 6:34

- D. There is a kindness and humility that comes from the love of God within us. God is love, and this is a love that serves and doesn't seek to be served.

And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2 Corinthians 3:4-6

- E. We have a high priest who has been touched with the feelings of our infirmities. He's been in our shoes, has compassion for us, and understands our human frailty. We have a high priest who cares.

Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

- F. Jesus is the Healer, not you—even though healing flows through you. You are simply the agent, the vessel through whom the Healer flows.

And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately.

Acts 9:34

IV. Why not you, and why not now?

- A. If you're born again, believe the Word of God, and meditate on the promises of God. What God has spoken to you, every promise in Christ, is yes and amen. What God wants to do in the earth, He has to do through a person. He will do it through the body of Christ, so why not you, and why not now?

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

2 Corinthians 1:20

- B. In the New Covenant, we see healing everywhere. Not just through Jesus or the original twelve disciples, but through ordinary believers who just chose to believe and become extraordinary because of Jesus. God wants you ministering to others.
- C. The Holy Ghost and power of God was with Jesus. That same God is with you, and in you, and doing those works through you. Jesus said we will do those same works, so why not you and why not now?

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

John 14:12

- D. We're ambassadors for Christ in this earth right now. We are the body of Christ. So, be an ambassador, and let the life of Christ literally flow through you to others who are in need.

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

- E. Signs will follow those who believe. So, if you're a believer, you qualify to have these signs following your life. God is looking for us to start activating what He's already given to us and doing what He's already told us to do.

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink any-

thing deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

Mark 16:17-18

V. There are many ways of ministering to others.

A. God has provided healing for you. You can call for the elders of your church body to come over and anoint you with oil and pray the prayer of faith over your body, and you will be healed.

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

James 5:14-15

B. You have a powerful way of ministering healing to your spouse because your spouse has authority over your body and you have authority over their body. If your spouse has a physical symptom trying to attack, get on it, rebuke it, and take authority over it immediately. There is no agreement more powerful on earth than the agreement between a husband and a wife.

Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

1 Corinthians 7:3-4

C. The gifts of the Holy Spirit is another way of ministry God has made available to us. Cultivate them within the ground of your heart, and watch how the Holy Spirit will be able to flow through you. He will flow through you, not only in the fruit of the Spirit, but—now being baptized in the Holy Ghost—in the gifts of the Spirit as well.

And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:28

- VI. There are some very practical things I want to share with you along with these spiritual principles from the Word of God.
- A. As you're ministering to other people, especially in a prayer line, first impressions make a big difference. So, personal hygiene and fresh breath are always a great place to start. Be excellent in all that you do, knowing that even though God looks at your heart, men do look at the outward appearance. If your outward appearance is distracting or not modest, it could become a stumbling block for somebody.
 - B. Introduce yourself, share your name and smile, and be warm and friendly. Ask them their name and then remember it, even if you have to repeat it a couple of times to be able to do so.
 - C. As people approach you, don't look scared or like you're too busy to care. Be warm and inviting. Have a smile on your face and really show compassion to that person.
 - D. Listen by the Spirit of God. Listen to what the person's heart is saying, not just their words. Never assume what somebody is believing God for. Ask them open-ended questions like, "What are you believing for today?" Or, "How can I minister to you right now?"
 - E. As the one ministering, be careful that you don't give unbelief a voice. Some people start telling you their medical history; don't let all that unbelief establish the moment. Rather, ask them what they can believe for at that moment and start there.
 - F. When you're ministering, see that person that Jesus deeply loves and be moved with compassion. Don't just see another problem, another sickness, another diagnosis, or another needy person.
 - G. Don't let the name of their sickness cause fear in you. Jesus is the name above every name—so, use it. Take some time to see it from God's perspective. There's already an answer and that answer is Jesus.
 - H. Fear of the future is a really common fear for people. Encourage them to use their spiritual imagination to paint a new picture in their heart of what they want their future to look like.
 - I. Ask them what scripture they're standing on. This will help you locate where they are spiritually, and you may have to share what the Word says or help them discover a scripture to take hold of.

- J. Be bold. Speak words of faith and be confident in the promises of God. Have an attitude that it is already a done deal and no problem for Jesus. Help them see it as a finished work and easy for God. The Holy Spirit is where boldness comes from, so you don't have to try to work something up in your flesh.
- K. If a person has come to you with several different symptoms, win a victory in one area first, such as pain. Once pain goes, they are ready to believe God for anything. And one victory will often open up the way for many more victories to happen.
- L. Be patient with people. Sometimes you can get into a rush, especially if you see a lot of people waiting to be ministered to. We inherit the promises through faith and patience, so help people to understand that there are instant healings as well as progressive healings. And encourage them to never quit.

That you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 6:12

- M. Don't limit God. God is never our problem. God is always the answer.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

Ephesians 3:20

- N. Give them an assignment to help them to keep moving forward in their healing journey. Once you know what their situation is, listen to the Holy Spirit, the Helper, and see if He has something for them that will help. These Holy Spirit assignments can be very powerful and lead to huge breakthroughs for people.

VII. Here are a few technical pointers.

- A. You are not a counselor. You should avoid: giving advice on how to treat their condition, suggesting they stop taking their medications, or coercing them into performing physical actions that could cause harm. A healed person won't need medication, but stopping the medication doesn't make a person well. As the one ministering healing, it's never your place to tell them to stop taking their medication or to try to pull them up out of a wheelchair. That is up to the person to decide as a step of faith, putting action to what they believe.

- B. If you're serving as a prayer minister, or you are in a prayer line at a church, be very careful about exchanging personal information with people. This is for your own protection and peace of mind. Also, do not agree to meet in a private place later for more ministry.
- C. If criminal activity, like sexual abuse, or the intent to commit suicide has been shared with you, you need to consult with the authority over you as soon as possible, but with discretion. The goal is always restoration for the people who are involved.
- D. Ask permission to lay your hands on people and do so with gentleness and respect. Gentlemen, if you're ministering to a lady, be sensitive to their hairdo. Also, do not lay your hands on a personal area, whether you're a man or a woman. Don't rub somebody's arm while you're ministering to them or squeeze their neck muscles. You do not want to do anything that could be considered inappropriate.
- E. If somebody starts to fall backward under the influence of the Holy Ghost, don't try to catch them yourself. That's a great way to really injure yourself. So, if you have an usher that's been trained for it, let them do what they do. Once the person falls, you do not need to continue to minister to them.
- F. Jesus rebuked demonic activity via commanding them what to do. You're the one with authority over all the power of the enemy. So, take it. Use your authority. Jesus did not carry on conversations and yell at demons, so don't you do that either. He never let demonic activity take center stage. We are to cast out demonic activity in the name of Jesus. Don't fear the demonic. The enemy is a fallen angel who does not have the ability to be omnipresent. He is not even close to being all-powerful, so the devil is defeated.

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Luke 10:19
