

to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Ministry is for every single one of us. Ministry is preaching the gospel. If you are not preaching, you are not doing the work of ministry. The role of a Pastor is for the perfecting of the saints. The perfecting here means **“for the maturing of the saints”**. So, when a believer is not well trained and well taught God’s word, the believer will not know their responsibility in doing the work of ministry. Every one of us, the very moment we received the gospel, we became a born-again preacher. You do not need to wait till you have a pulpit before you preach. It starts with the conversation with that brother and that sister.

**WHAT MESSAGE ARE WE TO EVANGELIZE?**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

**2** By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

**3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

**4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

This is the message that can save, the message is so potent that it has the power to save, and that power is actually in the preaching. This is the message; it is the eternal message, and the message must remain constant. Know this message well and be deliberate. Do not wait till you amass all the knowledge till you start preaching. The little you know is enough to save a soul.

You are a born-again preacher, you are born again a carrier of the message, you are born again a herald of the message of Christ, God is counting on you that you can preach the gospel. He already trusted you the day you got born again to preach. You are born again to be a Preacher. One of the things that was indwelt in your spirit when you got born again was to Preach. Boldness came with it, the Power to preach came with it, and Fire for ministry came with it. You just need to be conscious of it. The message we are to evangelize is the **GOSPEL**.

**1 Timothy 2:3-7**

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;

**4** Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

**5** For there is one God, and one mediator between

God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

**6** Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

**7** Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

God’s plan is not that anyone should perish. The will of God is for **“ALL MEN”** to be saved.

**Romans 1:16-17**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

**17** For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

**Romans 10:14-15**

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

**15** And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

The gospel of Christ is the power of God to save anyone that believes. If we do not preach the gospel, then we will not be able to create an avenue for people to receive salvation. If we do not preach the gospel, then men will not be saved. If we do not preach the gospel, a lot of people will perish.

**Acts 4:12**

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Therefore, as powerful as the message of Christ is, it cannot save anyone unless it is preached. Except we use our mouth to declare it, it cannot save anyone. The message cannot save unless it is preached, heard, and believed. As believers, we must always uphold these tasks. A believer who does not preach is simply not a good child of the kingdom. God depends on us to spread the message. We should not go on if we do not have a sense of remorse for this responsibility. So, we must be determined to do what is right because the message of Christ must be preached.

Let’s see again in **Habakkuk 2:14**

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.


God’s plan for the earth is that the whole earth will be filled with the knowledge of God. Our work is to

replenish, to fill, to multiply that is; to increase. This is God’s plan, and this plan will be done via **PREACHING**. For God’s plan to be done, he needs a man to do it. Just as you need God, God also needs you. This is God’s plan for your life, so go and carry out the plan. I trust that after reading this, you know God’s plan for your life so, **GO AND PREACH!**

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# It is Time to Preach

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This is God's plan for the earth, that the whole earth will be filled with the knowledge of God, and God is going to partner with man to preach the gospel to fulfill his plan and purpose on earth. For the gospel to reach the whole earth, we must all be involved and pattern ourselves to fulfill the mandate of God on earth and take it as our own responsibility.

**Matthew 28:18-20**  
And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.  
**19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:  
**20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**Mark 16:16**  
And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.  
**Luke 24:47**  
And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Upon Jesus's resurrection, he gave an instruction to go into the nations and preach the gospel. The instruction to go into the world means to start from your immediate surroundings, your family and your friends. God will fulfill his plan through preaching, that is; EVANGELISM.

**WHAT IS EVANGELISM?**  
Evangelism is an integral part of the local church and in simple terms, it is taking the gospel which is the good news to the unsaved. evangelism is not subjected to man's innovation, but a deliberate message of **“how Christ died, how Christ was buried, and how Christ rose from the dead”**. Jesus left the gospel in the hands of his disciples and those men were the ones who reached us.

**What was their attitude?**  
They believed the gospel; they learned the gospel as Jesus taught them and they practiced the gospel as Jesus sent them out to preach.

The focus of Jesus is to reach the lost. So, when we go out to preach, we are reaching the lost and this is God's plan because he loves the unsaved and proved his love for us.

**WHO SHOULD PREACH THE GOSPEL?**  
The work of ministry is for every believer. If you are a

believer and you do not have men, you are reaching out to then you are not growing.

**Ephesians 6:15**  
And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Everyone is an able minister of the gospel. The very moment you believed the gospel, that very moment you were qualified to preach the gospel.  
Let's see what Paul said in **2 Corinthians 5:17-20**  
**17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.  
**18** And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;  
**19** To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.  
**20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God

Every one of us has been given the ministry of reconciliation. How did you receive it? **You received it upon salvation**. What does that mean? **To reconcile men back to God**. God came down to man to reconcile man to himself.

Man was the one who did wrong, but God was the one who came down to reconcile men back to himself. He knew we sinned, and he forgave us the very moment we believe in him.  
The work of Christ is to save and if he is our father, we are to carry out that same responsibility, and it is very evident that everyone has been given the same responsibility. You were given this responsibility by Jesus the day you were born again.

*Again, you believe the gospel, you learn the gospel and you practice the gospel.*

Paul also made it clear in **1 timothy 2:1-5**  
I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;  
**2** For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.  
**3** For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;  
**4** Who will have all men to be saved and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.  
**5** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

**2 Peter 3:9**  
The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as

some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

The will of God on earth is for all men to be saved. You are not going to train men on music or vocals but the GOSPEL. All should come to repentance here means **“this is the will of the father”**. This explains that upon the resurrection of Jesus, he gave us all an instruction and it is to preach the gospel to every creature.

**CAN EVERY BELIEVER PREACH AND TEACH?**  
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Every believer has received a teaching ministry. Every believer can teach the gospel, as far as you can talk, you can teach it.

Christ has come to save by giving himself up for the lives of men. So, the instruction to go into the world will mean daily conversations from place to place on the face of the earth. You have to preach the gospel and you have to be passionate about it because that is what will matter in eternity. **MINISTRY IS IN MEN!**

Let's see;  
**Matthew 20:28**  
Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.  
**Matthew 18:11**  
For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

When you know the will of the father, even if you relocate to the deepest part of the earth, you will still know that preaching the gospel is the will of the father. Every believer upon relocation to any place must first think about the gospel.

**Acts 8:4-5**  
Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.  
**5** Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

They were scattered abroad in every place preaching. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. So, the very moment you receive the gospel, no matter where you find yourself, **YOU ARE STILL PREACHING!**

**Acts 11:20-22**  
And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus.  
**21** And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. Vs  
**22** Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.

Every believer in the local church ought to be taught the act and practice of soul winning. From the account of the book of Acts, you will notice that the preaching of the gospel was committed to members of the local assembly.

**HOW DOES A CHURCH STAY IN THE WILL OF GOD?**  
They stay in the will of God by preaching. However, any church not given to serious evangelism is not doing the will of God because the will of God is that all men are saved and all men are reached through **PREACHING**.

When you preach the gospel, you ensure to let people understand what happened to them. You must learn to teach people what happened to them after salvation. We can safely say a born-again man is a born preacher. The very moment you believed the gospel it is that same moment Christ entrusted his ability in you, that same ability the disciples had is the same ability you have.

So, what do you do? **You must know the gospel; you must know what you are saying and know it well**. A message that does not assure your salvation is not the truth of the gospel. You must be sure of the gospel and you have to ensure you know what you are saying.

**WHAT IS MINISTRY?**  
The word “Ministry” can be described as the believer's responsibility for evangelism.

**Ephesians 4:11-14**  
And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;  
**12** For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:  
**13** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:  
**14** That we henceforth be no more children, tossed