

## **THE FIVE KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY**

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### **THE ORDINATION OF FRED AND MEREDITH YOUNG & MARK AND KEISHA ANTHONY THE ORDINATION OF NEW DEACONS**

**TEXT: 1 Peter 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.**

**INTRO:** We are all kings and priests (Revelation 1:6, 5:10). We are all ministers.

#### **I. THE FIVE C'S OF A SUCCESSFUL MINISTRY**

##### **A. CALLING**

- 1. Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God —**
- 2. Jeremiah 1:5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”**
3. I believe that people are called from their mother's womb. These individuals started to serve God and God's people. The people have recognized their calling and leadership, and now as presiding pastors and presiding apostle, we will confirm what the Holy Spirit is doing by ordaining them today.
4. We commission apostles and prophets in the marketplace at the annual HIM Global Summit conference.
5. Know the difference between a divine assignment and your destiny. E.g., TheCall vs. HIM.

##### **B. CHARACTER**

- 1. 1 Timothy 3:1 Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. 2 Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach 3 not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He must**

manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect... 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 7 He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

### C. CHARISMA

1. Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all *filled with the Holy Spirit* and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.
2. Acts 6:1 Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food. 2 So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, *full of the Spirit and of wisdom*, whom we may put in charge of this task. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."
3. So many churches look to the credential of education and intellectual acumen, but not Jesus.

### D. COMPETENCE

1. 1 Chronicles 15:22 Kenaniah the head Levite was in charge of the singing; that was his responsibility because he was skillful at it.
2. Psalm 78:72 And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.
3. 2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

### E. CHEMISTRY

1. 1 Corinthians 4:17 For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way



**of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.**

2. You want people who are aligned with the apostles and pastors of a church.
3. In Ephesians 4:11, to equip is the word *alignment* in the Greek. Psalm 133 speaks about being aligned with the High Priest. See Hebrews 3:1.
4. You put people on staff who are positive and have relational skills to work well with people.
5. You want a team to become best of friends, who you want to do life with.

## **II. THE EXAMINATION OF PASTORS AND DEACONS**

### **A. PASTORS**

1. **WILL YOU LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LOVE OTHERS? YES**
2. **WILL YOU BE ABOVE REPROACH AND WALK IN MORAL AND FINANCIAL PROPRIETY?**
3. **WILL YOU FAITHFULLY LOVE YOUR FAMILY AND MAKE YOUR SPOUSE AND YOUR CHILDREN A PRIORITY AND MANAGE YOUR FAMILY WELL?**
4. **WILL YOU COVENANT TO LIVE A TEMPERATE, SELF-CONTROLLED, RESPECTABLE, GENTLE AND NOT QUARRELSOME LIFE?**
5. **WILL YOU GIVE YOURSELF TO HOSPITALITY AND NOT BE A LOVER OF MONEY?**
6. **WILL YOU FAITHFULLY SERVE, LOVE AND LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE FOR YOUR CONGREGATION?**
7. **WILL YOU GIVE YOURSELF TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD, TO STUDY AND PREPARE DILIGENTLY TO SPIRITUALLY FEED THE FLOCK?**
8. **WILL YOU FAITHFULLY PRAY OVER HARVEST ROCK CHURCH AS A PRIEST UNTO THE LORD?**

CONCLUSION: Invitation to become a follower of Jesus.

