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**December 14, 2024 – Ministry to the Lord: Our Highest Privilege & Calling – Erlinda Cruz**

## ***Ministry to the Lord: Our Highest Privilege and Calling (Day 5)***

### **Some of the Benefits of Ministering to the Lord**

*Firstly, we grow spiritually and become more like Jesus:* For example, if we worship some celebrity or sports star, we will eventually begin to act like them. In the same way, the more we worship God, the more we will begin to act like Him and become more like Jesus.

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 3:18, “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord (through worship), are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” This is the quickest way to grow and mature spiritually.

*Secondly, when we minister to the Lord, we will find that it becomes easier to minister to people:* We read about the sons of Zadok in Ezekiel 44:18, “... they shall not gird themselves with anything that causes sweat.” They did not sweat! When we minister to the Lord, we will not sweat, it will be easy to serve and follow Jesus! Jesus said, “My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” I have found this to be true in my own life.

The more time I spend in worship, praise and ministering to the Lord, the easier it becomes for me to minister to people. Jesus said in John 15:5, “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” The word to abide means to continue for a period of time in a position or a relationship.

It is in a place of rest, that we become fruitful in the Kingdom of God. Therefore, as we minister to the Lord, He will minister to us and a divine flow of God’s grace is released to do the works of Jesus. We will experience “sweat-less Christianity!”

*Thirdly, ministering to the Lord can make us sensitive to the leading and the voice of the Holy Spirit.*

In Acts 13:2 it says “as they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said...” As they ministered to the Lord, they were able to hear what the Holy Spirit wanted them to do. This is one of the ways we can find our ministry and calling.

The greatest missionary movement was started after a small group of people ministered to the Lord. We have a similar example in 1 Samuel 3:1 and 4 when Samuel ministered to the Lord as a young child. God spoke to him and told him about what was going to happen to Eli the priest and the nation of Israel.

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*Fourthly, it is a good launching pad for prayer and intercession.*

In Psalm 100:4 we read, “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.”

Thanksgiving, praise and worship is a good protocol if we want to approach the throne of God for prayer. In fact, this should be the bulk of our time alone with God. I have found that it is much easier to pray when I have first ministered to the Lord.

*Finally, there are many other benefits from Ministering to the Lord:*

- It will increase our level of anointing in our lives and we will experience more of His divine flow.
- It brings us great joy and pleasure. Ministering to the Lord is also enjoyable and enables us to be aware of the goodness and the love of God.
- The greatest blessing of all is that when we minister to the Lord, it blesses and gives God great delight and joy.