

Personal Preamble

An Introduction to Ministry

- A Vision of what the future could/should be
 - Joshua
 - ER Pre School
 - Ashley (family or friend)
 - (your vision)

- A Mission Plan (resources, assets and tools)
 - Joshua
 - ER Pre School
 - Ashley (family or friend)
 - (your mission)

- Personal Ministry (The Courage to be Relevant)
 - Joshua
 - ER Pre School
 - Ashley (family or friend)
 - (your ministry)

VISION – An Example of Marriage

Father's advice to son before the wedding

“Love your wife and love your kids”

MISSION

Wives and Husbands

Eph. 5

22 Wives, submit[e] to your husbands as to the Lord, 23 because the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of the body. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing[f] her with the washing of water by the word. 27 He did this to present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless. 28 In the same way, husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hates his own flesh but provides and cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, 30 since we are members of his body.[g] 31 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.[h] 32 This mystery is profound, but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband.

MINISTRY

Wives, Husbands, Children

I Cor. 13

4 Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, 5 is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. 6 Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

In the Kingdom...

Vision, Mission, Ministry

VISION

Matt. 22-37-40

37 He said to him, “**Love the Lord your God** with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.[a] 38 This is the greatest and most important[b] command. 39 The second is like it: **Love your neighbor** as yourself.[c] 40 All the Law and the Prophets depend[d] on these two commands.”

MISSION

Matt. 28:18-20

...Go, therefore, and make disciples of[a] all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 **teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you.** And remember,[b] I am with you always,[c] to the end of the age.”

- Romans 12
- New King James Version
- **Living Sacrifices to God**
- **12** I beseech^[a] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your* ^[b]reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
- **Serve God with Spiritual Gifts**
- ³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.
- **Behave Like a Christian**
- ⁹ *Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. ¹⁰ *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; ¹¹ not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, patient^[c] in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given^[d] to hospitality.
- ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.
- ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil. Have^[e] regard for good things in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance *is* Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰ Therefore
- “If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
If he is thirsty, give him a drink;
For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”
- ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Seven Questions

- Using “I” statements, how might you apply this lesson?
- Will anybody notice if you apply it?
- Why would you not want to apply it?
- Will it be easy to make this change?
- Do you think you will have support to change?
- Will your life be easier if you apply this lesson?
- Have you had to make this kind of decision before?