

Ministry of Reconciliation (Part 1)

Home Church Network Gathering

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1. When the word of God comes into your life, it is not coming to bring condemnation.
2. Condemnation mentality affects every part of your life.
3. Condemnation mentality puts pressure on us to perform for approval.
4. Romans 5:10-11 (NKJV) For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.
5. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 New King James Version (NKJV), Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, **and has given us the ministry of reconciliation**, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 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. 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
6. We are ALL ambassadors for Christ
7. We have ALL been entrusted with the ministry of Reconciliation
8. Our interpretation of a prophetic word can be vastly different from what God means.
9. As ambassadors we are representing Christ and the ministry of Reconciliation.
10. Ministry is not about making money. (*You can make money doing anything in America*)
11. It feels like our ministry is successful only if it is financially prosperous.
12. It feels like our ministry is successful only if a lot of people know about us and they attend our gatherings.
13. We must seek FIRST, the Kingdom of God (His rule, His reign, His way) and His righteousness (Right standing with Him)
14. Seeking the Kingdom of God is not the pursuit of the American dream (fantasy).
15. We struggle between our desires and accepting God's WAY.
 - a.) Psalm 73:3, 16-19 (NKJV) 3 For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked..... When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me— 17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end. 18 Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. 19 Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment. They are utterly consumed with terrors.
 - b.) God has a **different priority** for our lives than just temporary earthly prosperity.
16. God's priority is the reconciliation of mankind to Himself.
17. 2 Corinthians 5:19 (NKJV) 19.... **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has **committed to us the word of reconciliation**.

18. We have been called to make God's priority, OUR priority: The Ministry of Reconciliation.
19. When we make what is important to God, important to us, then God will make sure that we are FREE to operate in the ministry of reconciliation.
20. God may use education, positions and prosperity to get the message across, but those things are never to be our goal.

Reconcile

1. to make (oneself or another) no longer opposed; cause to acquiesce in something unpleasant:
2. to become friendly with (someone) after estrangement or to re-establish friendly relations between (two or more people)
3. to settle (a quarrel or difference)

Notes/ Comments/ Questions: