

THE MINISTRY OF
THE CHURCH

ACTS 2:41-47

TEN STATEMENTS ABOUT MINISTRY:

**1) THE MINISTRY OF THE
CHURCH IS ITS CHARACTER:**

- Character is defined by Webster as, “reputation, what one is known for.”
- Warren Wiersbe writes, “The work that we do flows out of the life that we live.”
- In Proverbs 4:23 it states; “*Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.*”

**2) THE NATURE OF
MINISTRY IS SERVICE:**

- Serve: to meet the needs of and subject one's will to that of another.
- Jesus stated in Mark "*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.*"

**3) THE MOTIVE FOR
MINISTRY IS LOVE:**

- **A Love For Jesus:** *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. A second is equally important: love your neighbor as yourself. The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments”* (Matt.22:37-40)

- **A Love For Each Other:** *“If someone says, “I love God,” but hates a brother or sister, that person is a liar; for if we don’t love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? And He has given us this command: those who love God must also love their brothers and sisters”*
(1 John 4:20-21)

- **A Love For The Lost:** Jesus loved us in that *“while we were still in our sin, He died for us.”*

**4) THE MEASURE OF
MINISTRY IS SACRIFICE:**

- Time: How much time are you willing to sacrifice for Him?
- Talent: How much of your talent are you willing to provide for Him?
- Tithe or Resources
- Comfort

**5) THE AUTHORITY OF
MINISTRY IS SUBMISSION:**

**6) THE PURPOSE OF
MINISTRY IS THE GLORY OF
GOD:**

**7) THE TOOLS OF MINISTRY
ARE THE WORD OF GOD
AND PRAYER:**

8) THE PRIVILEGE OF MINISTRY IS GROWTH:

*“And I will add to the church daily
those who are being saved.”*

9) THE POWER OF MINISTRY IS THE HOLY SPIRIT:

A.W. Tozer warned that if the Lord removed the Holy Spirit from this world, much of what we are doing in the church would go right on, and nobody would know the difference.

**10)THE MODEL FOR
MINISTRY IS JESUS CHRIST:**