

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIAL PROGRAM



Continuing the Call. Strengthening the Ministry.
Renewed for the Work Ahead.



COMMITMENT
to God's calling



ACCOUNTABILITY
to the Church



CONTINUING GROWTH
for Kingdom Impact

THE MINISTER

ORDAINED, LICENSED, AND/OR FIVEFOLD MINISTRY GIFTS COMMISSIONED BY JESUS

A. DEFINITION:

Those who are called, ordained, or licensed to communicate the Word of God to the body of Christ and to hurting, suffering humanity by ministering, teaching, preaching, healing, and evangelizing. This is a very high calling.

B. YOUR MINISTRY IS:

1. To be with Jesus (Mark 3:13-14).
2. To be in prayer—the ministry of the Word of God and prayer (Acts 6:2, 4).
3. To preach, teach, and heal (Luke 9:1-2).
4. To convince, rebuke, and exhort (2 Timothy 4:2).
5. To show people in what way their lives are wrong (2 Timothy 4:2 AMP).
6. To remind people of last-days perils (1 Timothy 4:1-6).
7. To equip, edify, and mature Christians (Ephesians 4:12-14).
8. To make disciples (2 Timothy 2:2).
9. To be a good soldier of endurance (2 Timothy 2:3).
10. To live and act as a true Bible elder (1 Peter 5:1-5).

C. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1 Timothy 4:12 – 1 Peter 5:3

1. Be a Christian at all times! Be a good husband. Be a good father.
2. Attend all local church services (be willing to plan your work schedule according to conventions, special meetings, prayer times, etc.)
3. Dress and groom appropriately.
4. Be ready and willing to *instantly* respond to your call and when needed.
5. Be prayed up and prepared mentally and physically—you could be used by the Lord at any time.

6. Maintain proper attitude—be submitted to authority and sweet toward others.
7. Make your support evident by your giving, confession, countenance, posture, participation, and performance.
8. Maintain a positive, supportive attitude toward your leadership and before others.
9. Maintain a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ. You must be able to draw from the anointing in order to minister effectively. No relationship—no anointing.
10. Be an excellent example and witness in every area of your life—ministry, family, local church, financial, community (Proverbs 22:1).

D. QUALIFICATIONS:

Teach your family they are called with you!

Hebrews 6:1-2

1. Born again
2. Spirit-filled
3. Water-baptized
4. Tither

Acts 6:3

5. Of honest report
6. Full of the Holy Ghost

James 1:5

7. Full of wisdom

1 Timothy 3:1-7

8. Blameless
9. Husband of one wife
10. Temperate (not violent)
11. Sober-minded
12. Of good behavior
13. Hospitable
14. Able to teach
15. Gentle
16. Not quarrelsome
17. House in order—spiritually
18. Not a novice
19. A good citizen

Titus 1:7-9

20. Lover of what is good
21. Just
22. Holy
23. Self-controlled
24. Holding fast the faithful Word
25. Wives must be self-controlled
26. Wives must be sober
27. Faithful in all things (wives also)

E. DO NOT:

- Do not** . . . assume you are an officer of the congregation where you attend.
- Do not** . . . play pastor of the flock.
- Do not** . . . use the word “counseling” but rather “ministering.”
- Do not** . . . excuse yourself from basic Christianity; i.e., tithing, church attendance, submission, etc.
- Do not** . . . array yourself with an arrogant look or attitude.
- Do not** . . . usurp authority, pull rank, take cuts, or expect special treatment.
- Do not** . . . watch others do all the work and call it delegation.
- Do not** . . . preach one thing and live another.
- Do not** . . . build a ministry for yourself within another man’s ministry.
- Do not** . . . recruit helps people to help you for your own ministry or personally.
- Do not** . . . do anything to take away from or weaken your local church base.