

## What Is Your Ministry? – Part 3

(II Corinthians 6:1-10)

### A Ministry Filled with Grace – II Corinthians 6:1-10

#### Here and now! (II Corinthians 6:1-2)

We need to quickly respond to God's grace. While preparation and training are important, we must consider what failure comes through **hesitation** (maybe someone else will do it), **procrastination** (I'll do it after have done some other things first) and **perfectionism** (I won't do it until I can do it perfectly). If we need to develop our knowledge and skills, then get started, because opportunities to do things are coming and going. Consider Exodus 4:10-17; Jeremiah 1:5-10; Luke 9:57-62; 14:16-24; II Corinthians 12:7-10.

#### Holy and wholly devoted! (II Corinthians 6:3-10)

**We must sincerely respond to God's grace.** Ministry without purity will bring reproach on Christ's name (Titus 2:1-8). A little leaven will leaven the whole lump (I Corinthians 5:6-8; Galatians 5:9). **Having begun by God's grace, we must not give up.** We must put our hands to the plow and not look back (Luke 9:62; II Timothy 2:1-10; Hebrews 12:1-3; I Corinthians 15:58). Ministry needs grace in every part of our lives (Ecclesiastes 10:1; I Timothy 4:12-16).

### A Ministry of Stewardship – I Peter 4:7-11

- There is urgency about our use of time that requires intensity and consistency. (I Peter 4:7 cp Ephesians 5:14-21)
- There is a tremendous need to minister love in the world. (I Peter 4:8-9 ~ the word "hospitality" means "to show love to strangers" cp. I Corinthians 14:26,40; 16:14)
- Ministry is a matter of first receiving from God and then distributing to others. The ministry belongs to everyone. We must be faithful stewards. We must give God the glory! (I Peter 4:10-11) John 3:27; I Corinthians 3:1-9; 4:1-7; Romans 12:1-13).