



Quit ministering to non-receivers

One thing we all need to be aware of as ministers is that there are some people that will not receive. They will reject the Word, and we have to be smart and prudent to not waste resources and time reaching those that careless.

There comes a time where you need to move on to the **next**. This is helpful when dealing with people. Satan will parade people in our lives, and some might be our loved ones.

Mathew 10:14 *And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.*

Mark 6:11 *And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.*

Luke 9:5 *And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.*

- a) It is totally appropriate for you to move on to the next person or next city if people are willing to receive.
- b) Move on from people who are not willing to receive.

One of the temptations you will have is to try to point people to yourself than to the Lord. If you never move on from certain people who are not receiving, you are hindering God from working on and in their lives. People must learn to look to the Lord for help and to meet their needs, not to man.

Point people to Jesus

A pastor or minister can't do anything or everything. He can't be **all** things to **all** people.

- a) Do not take on people's burdens **but teach and show them in the word** how to deal with the problems they are facing.
- b) One major issue people (especially ministers) have in the body of Christ **is the need to be needed**. I have learned and learning to allow the Lord to work and speak in people's lives. As much as I want to minister to people, I have become aware of pointing people to the Lord and get out of the way especially when they are not receiving.
 - i) Others have a benefit they get from ministering to the non-receivers, so they will keep doing it lest they lose the reward associated to ministering
- c) The teachers teach the general principles of the Word of God, but the Holy Spirit will fill in the blank and gives each individual the specific directions. Giving a specific direction is going too far as a teacher. People must hear from the Lord.
- d) Ministers on many occasions want to feel relevant and because of that they try to do everything for the individual they are trying to help or even appear to be the source of their answers and on many occasions, this sets traps for them such as emotional traps.
- e) We need to turn people over to the Lord and get out of the way. We need to point people to the Lord—let my people go!! We aren't the source for the people—the Lord is. We are like a coach that trains, but eventually lets the players go and play. The coach does not play for them. Teaching ought to manifest and glorify Jesus, not self.

1 Samuel 15:35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: Nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul King over Israel.

There is a time when it's not effective (useless) to try to keep ministering to people. People can get to a point of no return and Satan can our compassion for people against us by keeping us so occupied with people that aren't changing or going to change and waste all the time that could minister to others that do want to change. We need to be prudent to recognize the difference.

- ① Not effective to keep ministering.
- ② People can get to a point of no return.
- ③ Satan can use our compassion against us.
- ④ People not changing and won't have time to minister to those who want to change.
- ⑤ Waste time and resources.

⑥ Focus on people that want to change.

- a) Turn away from argumentative people. They won't receive.
- b) Turn away from people who are hardened who have rejected the truth.
- c) David turned away from Eliab his brother. He stopped talking to him.

You can't keep putting seed in a ground that is not bringing forth. It would be insane.

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