

PREVIEW

We have been commissioned to preach the good news of the Kingdom and to make disciples. This article will consider how we can fully accomplish our ministry, even if we have challenging personal circumstances. We will also learn how we can make our preaching work more effective and rewarding.

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Ftn: Or “keep preaching the good news.”

Paragraph 1

(Matthew 28:19) Go, therefore, and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy spirit,

(2 Timothy 4:5) You, though, keep your senses in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelizer, fully accomplish your ministry.

Paragraph 3

(Matthew 13:23) As for the one sown upon the fine soil, this is the one hearing the word and getting the sense of it, who really does bear fruit and produces, this one 100 times more, that one 60, the other 30.”

(Hebrews 6:10-12) For God is not unrighteous so as to forget your work and the love you showed for his name by ministering and continuing to minister to the holy ones. 11 But we desire each one of you to show the same industriousness so as to have the full assurance of the hope down to the end, 12 so that you may not become sluggish, but be imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Paragraph 4

(Mark 12:30, 31) and you must love Jehovah your God with your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole mind and with your whole strength.’ 31 The second is this, ‘You must love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

(Colossians 3:23) Whatever you are doing, work at it whole-souled as for Jehovah, and not for men,

- **EXPRESSION EXPLAINED:** Our Christian ministry includes various aspects of preaching and teaching, construction and maintenance of theocratic facilities, and disaster relief work.—2 Cor. 5:18, 19; 8:4.
- (2 Corinthians 5:18, 19) But all things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of the reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was by means of Christ reconciling a world to himself, not counting their offenses against them, and he entrusted to us the message of the reconciliation.
- (2 Corinthians 8:4) while they on their own initiative kept earnestly begging us for the privilege of kindly giving, to have a share in the relief ministry for the holy ones.

Paragraph 7

(John 4:34, 35) Jesus said to them: “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. 35 Do you not say that there are yet four months before the harvest comes? Look! I say to you: Lift up your eyes and view the fields, that they are white for harvesting. Already

Paragraph 8

(Mark 6:31-34) And he said to them: "Come, you yourselves, privately into an isolated place and rest up a little." For there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure time even to eat a meal. 32 So they set off in the boat for an isolated place to be by themselves. 33 But people saw them going and many got to know it, and from all the cities they ran together on foot and got there ahead of them. 34 Well, on getting out, he saw a large crowd, and he was moved with pity for them, because they were as sheep without a shepherd. And he started to teach them many things.

(1 Peter 2:21) In fact, to this course you were called, because even Christ suffered for you, leaving a model for you to follow his steps closely.

(1 Timothy 1:11) according to the glorious good news of the happy God, with which I was entrusted.

(Deuteronomy 30:11) "Now this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it beyond your reach.

Paragraph 9

(2 Corinthians 11:7) Or did I commit a sin by humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I gladly declared the good news of God to you without cost?

(Acts 18:3-5) and because he had the same trade, he stayed at their home and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade. 4 He would give a talk in the synagogue every sabbath and would persuade Jews and Greeks. 5 When, now, both Silas and Timothy came down from Mac·e·do'ni·a, Paul began to be intensely occupied with the word, witnessing to the Jews to prove that Jesus is the Christ.

(2 Corinthians 11:9) Yet, when I was present with you and I fell into need, I did not become a burden on anyone, for the brothers who came from Mac·e·do'ni·a abundantly supplied my needs. Yes, in every way I kept myself from becoming a burden to you and will continue to do so.

(Acts 28:16) When finally we entered Rome, Paul was permitted to stay by himself with the soldier guarding him.

(Acts 28:30, 31) So he remained there for an entire two years in his own rented house, and he would kindly receive all those who came to him, 31 preaching the Kingdom of God to them and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with the greatest freeness of speech, without hindrance.

(2 Corinthians 4:1) Therefore, since we have this ministry through the mercy that was shown us, we do not give up.

Paragraph 10

(Acts 17:17) So he began to reason in the synagogue with the Jews and the other people who worshipped God and every day in the marketplace with those who happened to be on hand.

(Acts 20:20) while I did not hold back from telling you any of the things that were profitable nor from teaching you publicly and from house to house.

Paragraph 11

(Philippians 4:13) For all things I have the strength through the one who gives me power.

(Galatians 4:13) But you know that it was because of a physical illness that I had my first opportunity to declare the good news to you.

Paragraph 12

(Matthew 6:22) “The lamp of the body is the eye. If, then, your eye is focused, your whole body will be bright.

(Matthew 6:33) “Keep on, then, seeking first the Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you.

Paragraph 13

- See the seven steps listed in the box “How to Simplify Your Life” in The Watchtower of July 2016, p. 10.
- [Box on page 10]
- How to Simplify Your Life
 - Identify your actual needs
 - Eliminate unnecessary expenses
 - Prepare a realistic budget
 - Dispose of things you do not use
 - Pay off any debts that you have
 - Cut back on secular employment
 - Plan how to expand your ministry

Paragraph 15

(Proverbs 1:5) A wise person listens and takes in more instruction; A man of understanding acquires skillful direction

(1 Timothy 4:13) Until I come, continue applying yourself to public reading, to exhortation, to teaching.

(1 Timothy 4:15) Ponder over these things; be absorbed in them, so that your advancement may be plainly seen by all people.

Paragraph 17

(1 Corinthians 3:9) For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field under cultivation, God’s building.

(Philippians 1:10) that you may make sure of the more important things, so that you may be flawless and not stumbling others up to the day of Christ;

(Psalm 100:2) Serve Jehovah with rejoicing. Come into his presence with joyful shouting.

(2 Corinthians 4:1) Therefore, since we have this ministry through the mercy that was shown us, we do not give up.

(2 Corinthians 4:7) However, we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the power beyond what is normal may be God’s and not from us.

(2 Corinthians 6:4) but in every way we recommend ourselves as God’s ministers, by the endurance of much, by tribulations, by times of need, by difficulties,

(Galatians 6:4) But let each one examine his own actions, and then he will have cause for rejoicing in regard to himself alone, and not in comparison with the other person.

(1 Timothy 4:16) Pay constant attention to yourself and to your teaching. Persevere in these things, for by doing this you will save both yourself and those who listen to you.