

Embracing the Paradox of Fruitful Ministry

“...but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God was with me.” 1 Cor 15:10

You ARE in Ministry:

Salvation is NOT a work. Salvation is a GIFT.

Definition: God’s resources meeting human needs through loving human channels. Any service rendered by a Christian that is motivated and empowered by the Holy Spirit that benefits men (saved or unsaved) and brings glory to God.

Man’s division: Secular or Religious?
Work or Church?

God’s division: Flesh or Spirit?

Uniquely gifted so you can uniquely contribute.

The Paradox of Effort - It’s you, but it’s NOT you

You work, but it is Christ working in you and through you.

The paradox of the impossible commands (passive imperatives)

Be Holy (1 Peter 1:15)

Be Filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)

The Paradox of Fruitfulness/Ministry Success

A steward must be found f_____. When the Son of Man returns shall He find f_____.

The key to fruit bearing is _____. John 15

You don’t _____ fruit, you _____ fruit.

Unless and kernel of wheat falls to the ground and _____ it remains alone. IF it _____ it produces many _____! John 12:24-26

Salvation is a GIFT apart from Good works. But as believers our Christ honoring works by faith one day get _____.

1 Corinthians 3:12-14

Verses that show the balance of us working and Christ working in us

Colossians 1: 9-12

Colossians 1:28-29

I Corinthians 15:58

Hebrews 4:9-11

Hebrews 13:2

A great passage on Ministry – 2 Corinthians 4:1-18