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Our Memory Verse
“For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature and fullness of Christ:”
—Ephesians 4:12-13—



STRAIGHT FROM THE BELOVED PASTOR'S HEART

THE DYNAMICS OF MBBE MINISTRIES LESSON NO. 44 ESTABLISHMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST

We are now at the last goal of our discipleship lessons. To recap, discuss with your class in summary the 4-GOALS of MBBE Discipleship Lessons:

1. Establish new believers in the Word of God—this produces KNOWLEDGE.
2. Establish new believers in the Fellowship of Believers—this produces GRACE.
3. Establish new believers in the Structure of the Ekklesia—this produces IDENTITY and ACCOUNTABILITY.
4. Establish new believers in the Ministry of Christ—this produces RESPONSIBILITY.

Our fourth lesson on discipleship, Establishing Believers in the Ministry of Christ discusses 3 methods on how we can surely spur interest and active participation or involvement of new believers in the works of the Lord. Faithful life and consistent service can be taught and attained through: Preparation, Participation and Motivation.

A. Establishing Believers in the Ministry of Christ: PREPARATION (Eph. 4:11-14).

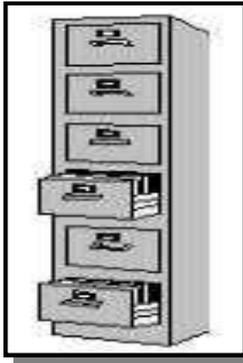
1. **Perfecting the saints [making them mature in the faith and walk with the Lord].** The gifts, talents, skills and resources bestowed on every believer are designed to be used by the Ekklesia for the glory and honor of God. They are given to help them perform effectively their ministries in the Lord and make them fruitful in their service to God. Making them mature in their faith and all areas of their Christian life means:

- 1.1. Becoming united and one in our Faith.
- 1.2. Growing together in the Knowledge of the Son of God.
- 1.3. Becoming perfect (mature) believers.
- 1.4. Measuring up to the Stature and Fullness of Christ.
- 1.5. Becoming no more children in soul and mind.
- 1.6. Becoming strong, stable and steady (not being tossed around).
- 1.7. Becoming STRONG IN FAITH, PRACTICE and DOCTRINE.

2. **Edifying the Body of Christ** means that all the spiritual needs of every believer are fully met and satisfied in the Ekklesia. And that all the gifts and talents prepared, sanctified and given by the Holy Spirit to every believer must be given back to the Lord through faithful service. Edifying the Ekklesia involves:

- 2.1. Communicating the Truth in Love.
- 2.2. Growing up in Christ in All things.
- 2.3. The whole body is fitly JOINED together.
- 2.4. The whole body is COMPACTED by every point-believers are moving and living as ONE BODY.
- 2.5. The whole body is EFFECTIVELY WORKING together.
- 2.6. The whole body EDIFIES or ENRICHES ITSELF IN LOVE.

3. **For the Work of the Ministry.** The perfecting and edifying of the whole ekklesia are preparations meant to effectively carry out the ministry and become strong witness for the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. With that established, the Holy Spirit who equips believers, blesses and prospers their lives and ministries in Christ. >>>>



The BMA ARCHIVES

Dr. Benny M. Abante's
PREACHING MATERIALS

**NOTHING SHALL OUR MOUTH SPEAK
BUT THE BLESSING OF THE WORD
AND THE GLORY OF GOD.**



**THROUGH THE BIBLE
IN A YEAR**

CHAPTERS TO READ THIS WEEK:

NOV. 22	JAMES 1:2-4
NOV. 23	JAMES 1:5, 6
NOV. 24	JAMES 1:12-15
NOV. 25	JAMES 1:17
NOV. 26	JAMES 1:19, 20
NOV. 27	JAMES 3:14-16
NOV. 28	JAMES 4:7, 8

To memorize one (1) verse in every chapter, tokens shall be awarded to those who can recite all memory verses after every book.

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B. Establishing Believers in the Ministry of Christ:

PARTICIPATION (2 Cor. 5:14). Our new life in Christ is both a responsibility and accountability. We can help our disciples understand this truth by getting them involved in the ministry. We can encourage them that by faith and love of Christ, they can live for Christ and serve Him in our ekklesia and they can be our faithful partners in the work of the Lord.

1. Participation in the work of Christ means that new believers are now actively serving the Lord with zeal, compassion and passion.

1.1. It gives the realization that their life is no longer for themselves but for Christ and His service. They are bought with a price and so they must give and consecrate their lives to God (1 Cor. 6:20).

1.2. It gives the understanding that God owns their body, soul and spirit. They are now God's servants (1 Cor. 7:23).

1.3. It reminds them that they were redeemed and recovered through Christ alone (1 Peter 1:18-19).

1.4. It gives them instructions to render and surrender their lives as their reasonable service before God (Rom.12:1-2).

2. The MINISTRIES of the Lord for His Saints.

2.1. The Ministry of Reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18-19). The believers are given this ministry as RECONCILERS between sinners and God. As having the testimony of being saved through repentance of sin and faith in Christ alone, they can speak of reconciliation with authority and confidence. They can share the Gospel with the lost boldly, without fear and shame.

2.2. The Ministry of Reproduction (Matt. 7:17; Mark 4:20; John 15:2). This is our discipleship ministry that teaches and helps every believer to reproduce his life in the lives of those he won for Christ and for his Ekklesia. It is his or her divine responsibility to produce disciples whose lives will in turn produce the same kind— a faithful, obedient, teachable, humble, generous and fruit-bearing life in the Lord.

C. Establishing Believers in the Work of the Lord: MOTIVATION (2 Cor. 5:9-14). What can be the best motivation we can give them?

1. The Desire to be accepted by Christ (2 Cor. 5:9).

1.1. The very essence of salvation produces in the believers the desire to please God in their lives.

1.2. As their understanding of their salvation increases, the appreciation for the price that has been paid also increases and propels them to be in the ministry. But DESIRE alone cannot make believers advance in the ministry.

2. The Judgment Seat of Christ—the Reward (2 Cor. 5:10).

2.1. Every believer will give account of his life and service before God. He may get or lose rewards on that faithful DAY of accounting.

2.2. The judgment seat of Christ can motivate believers to exercise their freedom to please only God and not themselves. But this future judgment alone cannot sustain them in the ministry.

3. The Terror of the Lord—the Warning (2 Cor.5:11).

3.1. The magnitude of God may compel believers to serve Him.

3.2. Believers who are not serving God live in fear and terror of the Lord. But His terror cannot make believers stay in the ministry for life.

4. The LOVE OF CHRIST—the greatest INFLUENCE/MOTIVATION (2 Cor. 5:14). One has to realize first that the ministry of the Lord is the greatest work in this world and it has pressures and challenges that require wisdom, strength, stamina and love that only God can provide.

Secondly, the ministry of the Lord is do-able because of the love of Christ that we have in our lives. Yes, more than anyone else in this world, it is our Savior who desires that we live for Him and serve Him. It is He who works in us and enables us that we can follow and obey Him.

We live for God and we serve Him because He loves us and we love Him. That alone can help us endure the work and stay in the ministry all our lives with joy and real satisfaction.

— Dr. Benny M. Abante, 11.22.15