

## The Christian Writer Is A Minister

To see writing as a ministry, which requires the same commitment, consecration and devotion as the more common ones such as the pulpit ministry

### A. A minister is a servant

- 1) A minister is a servant to the Master and not the audience *Hebrews 5<sup>4</sup>, 2 Corinthians 1<sup>1</sup>, Galatians 1<sup>10</sup>*

✓ How do you distinguish between the two?



- 2) Do not write to please your readers *1 Thessalonians 2<sup>4</sup>*

✓ How does the readers' pressure show up?



- 3) Write to please your Master *Galatians 1<sup>1</sup>*

✓ How do you escape the pressure of your readers?



4) To serve is to act in obedience to the instructions of your Master *Luke 17<sup>10</sup>*

✓ *How do you avoid the snare of activities?*

**B. A minister is sent**

1) Do not write what you want to write *Romans 16<sup>18</sup>*

✓ *How do you respond to trending issues?*

2) Do not write what people want you to write *1 Samuel 15<sup>24</sup>*

✓ *How do you handle your readers' expectations?*

3) Write only what you are sent to write *2 Corinthians 4<sup>2</sup>*

✓ *How feasible is it to stick to only what you are sent to write?*

4) Search out what is on God's mind to be expressed through your writing Acts 22<sup>15</sup>; 26<sup>16</sup>

✓ *What are the hindrances to expressing God's mind?*

**C. A minister is dependent on the Master**

1) The support of the Master is required to write with precision and accuracy Colossians 1<sup>22,29</sup>

✓ *Why is the writer's skill not enough?*

2) The support of the Master is required to bring sense out of the writings 1 Corinthians 1<sup>22,23</sup>

✓ *Why does God use foolishness as wisdom?*

3) The support of the Master is required to communicate via the writings *Luke 24<sup>45</sup>, Acts 8<sup>30-35</sup>*

✓ *Why do people misinterpret the message?*

4) The support of the Master is required to generate the appropriate response *Acts 2<sup>37</sup>; 16<sup>14</sup>*

✓ *What response do you look forward to when you write?*

**D. A minister is a representative**

1) Live as a worthy representative of God *Proverbs 13<sup>17</sup>, 2 Corinthians 5<sup>20</sup>*

✓ *Could a message be accepted without accepting the messenger?*

2) Live what you write *1 Thessalonians 1<sup>5</sup>, 1 Timothy 4<sup>16</sup>, Titus 2<sup>7</sup>*

✓ *How do you manage a contradiction between the letters and practice?*

3) The life gives authority to your writings 2 Timothy 3<sup>10, 14</sup>

✓ How does your life inspire confidence in your writings?

4) Write as the oracle of God Romans 1<sup>5</sup>, 1 Peter 4<sup>11</sup>

✓ What difference does it make when you write authoritatively?

**E. A minister addresses and meets the needs of his audience**

1) Write to attend to their needs and not wants Isaiah 61<sup>1-4</sup>, 1 Corinthians 4<sup>1</sup>, 12<sup>4-7</sup>

✓ Why do people mix up needs and wants?

2) Needs is what God want to address *Jude 1<sup>3</sup>*

✓ How do you point people's attention to God's priorities?

3) Wants are what the readers think should be addressed *Luke 20<sup>27-38</sup>*

✓ What necessitate amplifying wants over needs?