



## “Word on Wednesday Bible Study”

### “The Philosophy of Ministry”

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## THE PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

### Sacrifice

One of the hallmarks of Christian virtue is the idea of sacrifice. Each Christian has been called to serve other people. The following passages further illustrates this point:

- Romans 12:1-2  
1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
- Luke 9:23  
*"Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'"*
- Hebrews 13:16  
*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

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## **Equip** (Greek: katartizo)

The word equip conveys the idea of repairing, adjusting, & completing. The scope of our preparation is broad. Since we are in a spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:10-18), it is vitally important for us to be equipped.

Equipping involves two aspects:

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Hebrews 13:20-21

<sup>20</sup> Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, <sup>21</sup> Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is <sup>[i]</sup>inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for <sup>[i]</sup>rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup> so that the man *or woman* of God may be <sup>[k]</sup>fully capable, ***equipped*** for every good work.

## **Relationship**

Romans 12:10

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

## Verify

1 John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

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## Essential doctrines of the faith

- God, His nature, His work, His triunity
- Jesus Christ, His hypostatic union, His divinity, His work
- The Scriptures, the author, it's nature, it's message

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Proverbs 3:1-2

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you.

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.