

Impartation – ‘Starting Your Ministry’

I have in recent weeks been talking into this theme of '**Impartation**'. I have been seeking passing on that which God has in His Divine storehouse for you.

I would like you to think of this as a 'strategic' season of releasing and raising up ministries, creating capacity in the house for our future.

1. *What is the intention of ministry?*

One thought that comes to mind is God's instruction to the priests to bless the people - the Levitical blessing. (Numbers 6:23 – 27 ... note the '*invoke*' (place, set, put) in verse 27.

Look at Paul's teaching about prophecy in 1 Corinthians 14:3, it is primarily for edification, exhortation and comfort.

So the essential intention of ministry is to build, to encourage, to challenge and to bring believers to maturity.

2. *What are the tools of ministry?*

Acts 2:42 gives us a remarkable insight into the programme of the NT church and the mentality of these believers ... '*they gave themselves continually*' to these things.

The Word ... the study of it, the sharing of it,
Prayer ... seeking God's heart, executive action '*binding and loosing*'
Fellowship ... being together, meals, togetherness
Ordinances ... breaking of bread, baptism

3. *Starting your ministry*

Learn to listen to the Spirit
Get something from God – a verse, a thought, an encouragement
Be brave/bold – step out and give it
Don't try to be perfect and don't beat yourself up.
Commit to doing it again

Let's do this now – let's practice at least the Levitical blessing and if you have more, share it with one another.