

View of Ministry
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My view of ministry is quite simple. I see myself as the spiritual leader of a local church that is driven to equip the laity for service within and without the congregation. I also see myself as a part of the larger church: the Church of Jesus Christ.

My leadership is always being developed. I lead by example and I lead by making available opportunities for all laity to be equipped. I believe that leaders need to be developed in ministry in order for those leaders to influence the rest of the congregation and the world. Maxwell says, "That leaders influence the influencers" and I agree with that statement.

I am very personal and very direct in my ministry. I will share my concerns as well as my burdens with the congregation. I try to empower the church to be the church and take ownership of their responsibility as the church. I see the need for the church to break from its huddle and its inward focus and reach out to a lost and hurting world. I believe in the necessity of making disciples and empowering them to reach the world for Jesus Christ.

I believe in the need for Christians to mature in their faith and go on to what Wesley would refer to as "Christian Perfection." I see that as a great need in the church of today and I stress that aspect of maturity a lot. My ministry is focused on winning the lost, but it is also focused on bringing believers to personal maturity in faith.

I love the church and I know Christ loves the church also. I am dedicated to the church of Jesus Christ and have surrendered my life to her service.

My Administrative skills and style are developing also. The longer I serve, the more opportunities I have to develop in this area. But, even so, my desire is for the laity to be empowered to effectively assist in the operations of the church.