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Effective Ministry

Acts 14:21-28

Effective ministry is produced through the call of God, is directed through the power of God, and is sustained through the grace of God.

Appointed by God

- ❖ Effective ministry begins when God sets us apart to do His will.

Acts 13:1-2 “Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’”

Ephesians 2:10 “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Acts 14:26-27 “And from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them and how He opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.”

Acts 14:21 “When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch.”

Empowered by God

- ❖ Effective ministry is accomplished through the power of God in us to serve others.

Acts 14:27 “And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them and how He opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.”

John 15:5 “I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

John 16:12-13 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come.”

Acts 5:32 “And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”


Sustained by God

- ❖ Effective ministry remains through God, who provides grace to His servants and followers.

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Romans 12:3, 6a “For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned...Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them...”

1 Corinthians 15:10 “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.”

 1 Timothy 1:12-17