

I am going to continue my series about concert ministry, I did something like this back in 2020, but really felt stirred to teach & reteach the various aspects of this worthy ministry. Last lesson we looked at The Primary Purpose *which is Evangelism*... today we are going to think about Concert Ministry Results- Involvement/Development/Discipleship.

Acts 6:3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

I INVOLVEMENT:

A- One of the things we see in our text is that church ministry isn't just for the Pastor-

1. Some believers can approach church as- The pastor does... EVERYTHING and ANYTHING that has to do w the church and it's operations.

a. And (*in our fellowship*) if he can't do it all, then give it to the Concert Director.

i. Because they represent the church... they don't have anything else going on... They exist solely for this-

2. But our passage shows us that the Apostles (Pastors), they get others involved in ministry.

a. **V3** seek out from among you... IOW from the BODY of believers get them involved in this ministry.

3. This is one of the distinctive's of our fellowship; We have lay workers that function in ministry.

a. People from within the body that make a decision to get involved!

i. Not paid, not formally trained, not titled... but involved in the work of God & the church.

B- Involvement is healthy for the believer... WHY?

1. Connection: When you get involved you become connected to your church... Relationships are built through ministry.

a. People I have met and connected with that I would've never before outside of ministry... and it connected me.

2. Participating in Redemption: In ministry; You begin to be part of soul winning... which is what all are called to do!

a. We have been called to reach the world for Jesus... Ministry involvement facilitates that!

3. Ownership: When you are involved this becomes your church, your ministry, this changes your attitude to ownership.

a. There are things I didn't have a care for, until I got involved... I saw needs I could meet!

4. Involvement is a result of concert ministry... people begin to let their lives be used in a way they never saw before.

II DEVELOPMENT:

A- People begin to develop when they get involved-

1. The men in our story were saved, filled with the HG, good with people, they had wisdom...

a. But this ministry involvement was going to develop and increase what was already at work

2. I have seen people get involved that you see things that are in there, but ministry helped to develop it.

B- Lets think about what this looks like practically; Development happens through...

1. Expectation: We have the Vows of exampleship... This is a starting point for you to begin to build convictions

a. The elevated lifestyle makes you accountable... This can help people develop convictions-

i. I have done both honor and dishonor the vows... nothing developed when I dishonored the vows!

2. Character Develops: You begin to realize certain character flaws... maybe your bad time/commitment... or too legalistic

a. Ministry helped make me become a better Husband/Father/worker/christian...

b. Ministry also helped me with grace/patience/seeing people's potential...

3. Development through Conflict: Ministry will sand our rough edges... we will sand others rough edges

a. It teaches you how to problem solve, forgive, see the bigger picture (SOULS!)...

b. Much of my conflict resolution skills came out of concert ministry!

III DISCIPLESHIP:

A- Concert ministry has a discipleship dimension.

a. That is what we see in this passage: These men distributing bread were not waiters or servers... They were disciples!

1. Through Concert ministry that has lasted 53 years! We have some amazing leaders that were prepared for Pastoral Ministry

a. Pastor Greg/Pastor Cox/Pastor Aulson/Pastor Payne/Pastor Warner/Pastor Foley/Pastor Rubi...

b. So many lessons and skills learned in the natural and in the spiritual!

2. Because ministry is people! Concert Ministry places you with people. Its hands on training. Its on the job & in real time!

a. Disciples can practice people skills: Nobody likes you because your mean! People avoid you because you are consuming...

b. Disciples can practice Preaching: I never preached a formal sermon until I went to SF and preached that Sunday night

i. BUT; I learned how to preach and contend for the spirit of God in concert ministry for 2-1/2 years through Altar Calls!

3. Disciples can develop dominion: You learn how to contend for a night or special event... You wrestle through response or barrenness