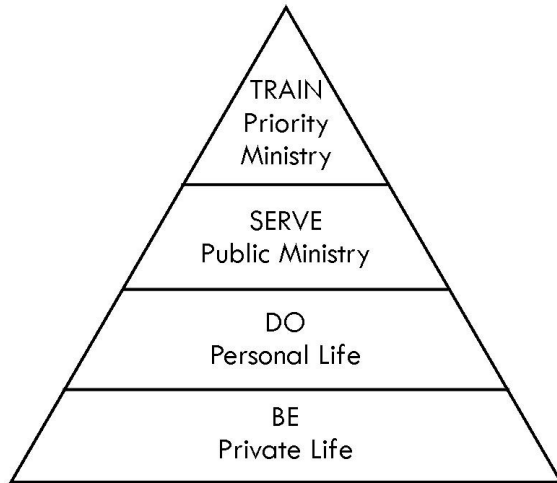


Be, Do, Serve, and Train - Part 1



Your Private Ministry or the “Be” level

This is the real you that absolutely no one knows except you and God. It is your character. It is the very basis or foundation for all that you can ever be or do in the Lord’s work.

Your wife or parent doesn’t actually know this part of you. There are thoughts that you have never told anyone. This is where many people slip into secret sins such as pornography, stealing, lying, etc. This is the real you—the most private and intimate part of you.

Failure in the Christian life comes because we skip this level. In church we are often so concerned to get people serving that at best we check their “do” level.

We often preach and teach that people need to fix what we see and we work on the externals and fail to get down to the heart of the matter. God looks on the inward appearance and not on the outward (1 Samuel 16:7). Though you can change the outward appearance of a man without an inward change any real inward change will automatically bring about an outward change (Matthew 23:27).

In our own personal lives we need to spend far more time on the inward man than we do the outward man. Peter criticised women for worrying so much about their outward appearance and told them that they should cultivate the hidden man of the heart (1 Peter 3:3-4).

We need to work on our own “be” level by spending time in prayer, getting our thoughts under control and allowing the Word of God to transform our minds.

Here are some verses that help explain the ministry we are to have in our own lives and others on this level:

I. Characteristics of the Be level (Psalm 15)

- A. A born again Christian
- B. A person of character or integrity
- C. Where the heart is surrendered and causes a person to love God and desire to serve Him no matter what is happening
- D. A person who speaks and does the truth in their heart
- E. A person of discipline
 - 1. In their Bible
 - 2. In their prayer time

II. How do we get someone to achieve this level

- A. By getting the Word of God into them—help them learn to be in the Scriptures every day
 - 1. James 1:21—engrafting the Word of God
 - 2. Romans 12:2—transforming our mind
 - 3. Ephesians 5:26—washing of the water of the Word
- B. Help them develop a disciplined reading and study program of the Word of God
- C. Help them memorize Scripture
- D. Getting them into all the services that you can and teaching them how to listen to the messages
- E. Getting them involved in personal discipleship

Ephesians 3:16 *“That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;”*