

The Christian Writer Is A Minister

To see writing as a ministry, which requires the same commitment, consecration and devotion as the more common ones such as the pulpit ministry

A. A minister is a servant

1) A minister is a servant to the Master and not the audience *Hebrews 5⁴, 2 Corinthians 1¹, Galatians 1¹⁰*

✓ How do you distinguish between the two?

2) Do not write to please your readers *1 Thessalonians 2⁴*

✓ How does the readers' pressure show up?

3) Write to please your Master *Galatians 1¹*

✓ How do you escape the pressure of your readers?

4) To serve is to act in obedience to the instructions of your Master *Luke 17¹⁰*

✓ *How do you avoid the snare of activities?*

B. A minister is sent

1) Do not write what you want to write *Romans 16¹⁸*

✓ *How do you respond to trending issues?*

2) Do not write what people want you to write *1 Samuel 15²⁴*

✓ *How do you handle your readers' expectations?*

3) Write only what you are sent to write *2 Corinthians 4²*

✓ *How feasible is it to stick to only what you are sent to write?*

4) Search out what is on God's mind to be expressed through your writing Acts 22¹⁵; 26¹⁶

✓ *What are the hindrances to expressing God's mind?*

C. A minister is dependent on the Master

1) The support of the Master is required to write with precision and accuracy Colossians 1^{22,29}

✓ *Why is the writer's skill not enough?*

2) The support of the Master is required to bring sense out of the writings 1 Corinthians 1^{22,23}

✓ *Why does God use foolishness as wisdom?*

3) The support of the Master is required to communicate via the writings *Luke 24⁴⁵, Acts 8³⁰⁻³⁵*

✓ *Why do people misinterpret the message?*

4) The support of the Master is required to generate the appropriate response *Acts 2³⁷; 16¹⁴*

✓ *What response do you look forward to when you write?*

D. A minister is a representative

1) Live as a worthy representative of God *Proverbs 13¹⁷, 2 Corinthians 5²⁰*

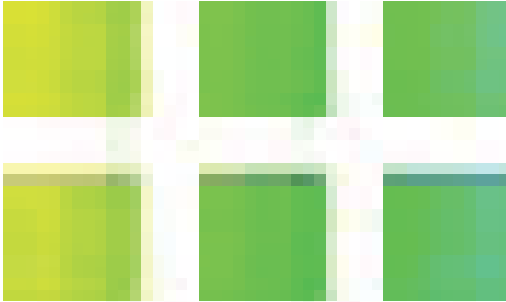
✓ *Could a message be accepted without accepting the messenger?*

2) Live what you write *1 Thessalonians 1⁵, 1 Timothy 4¹⁶, Titus 2⁷*

✓ *How do you manage a contradiction between the letters and practice?*

3) The life gives authority to your writings 2 Timothy 3^{10, 14}

✓ How does your life inspire confidence in your writings?



4) Write as the oracle of God Romans 1⁵, 1 Peter 4¹¹

✓ What difference does it make when you write authoritatively?

E. A minister addresses and meets the needs of his audience

1) Write to attend to their needs and not wants Isaiah 61¹⁻⁴, 1 Corinthians 4¹, 12⁴⁻⁷

✓ Why do people mix up needs and wants?

2) Needs is what God want to address *Jude 1³*

✓ How do you point people's attention to God's priorities?

3) Wants are what the readers think should be addressed *Luke 20²⁷⁻³⁸*

✓ What necessitate amplifying wants over needs?