THE MINISTRY OF HELPS

Dr. Buddy Bell founded Ministry of Helps International in 1986, a ministry which has enabled countless people to find and fulfill their place in the body of Christ within ministries of helps and service. Dr. Bell has since traveled to over 3,000 churches, and has distributed his teachings via books and video to over 10,000 churches. With humor, zeal, and an anointing from God to present the Ministry of Helps, he motivates people by awakening them to the power and plan of the Holy Spirit for accomplishing the work of the ministry through every believer.

1. Understanding the Ministry of Helps
2. God Uses Both Stars and Candles
3. Jesus and the Ministry of Helps
4. Seven Biblical Ways to Relate to Your Pastor
5. Fear Not Leadership, Organization, and Structure Part I
6. Fear Not Leadership, Organization, and Structure Part II

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Particular Members

1. 1 Corinthians 12:27 (KJV) “Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.”
2. Particular members are special people.
3. The Church needs all of the members to be working and functioning in order for the Church to run properly.

B. What God expects to see in the Church

1. 1 Corinthians 12:28 (KJV) “And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.”
2. Helps is just as valid and important as the ministry of apostles, prophets, etc.
3. You can expect the supernatural to happen when you are serving in the Ministry of Helps.

II. DEFINITION OF HELPS MINISTRY

A. W.E. Vines - “One of the ministrations in the local church, by way of rendering assistance, perhaps especially of help ministered to the weak and needy.”

1. Have you ever been prompted in your heart to offer assistance? If so, you were being prompted by the Holy Spirit to operate in the Ministry of Helps.
2. If you are rendering assistance - giving help to the weak and the needy - you are operating in the Ministry of Helps.
B. Rev. W. B. Godbey, a 19th century preacher - “Oh! The infinite value of the humble Gospel helpers. Thousands of people who have no gifts as leaders are number-one, helpers. How grand, revival work moves along, when red-hot platoons of fire-baptized helpers crowd around God’s heroic leaders of the embattled hosts.”

C. Anonymous Usher
   H - Having
   E - Enough
   L - Loving
   P - People
   S - Serving

D. Anonymous
   H - Helping
   E - Every
   L - Laboring
   P - Pastor
   S - Succeed

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Do you see yourself as that “particular member” (special member) that Dr. Bell talked about at the beginning of the session? Why or why not?

2. What importance does your church place on the different areas of ministry listed in 1 Corinthians 12:28? Is there any importance or emphasis placed on the Ministry of Helps?

3. Read over Rev. W. B. Godbey’s definition of Helps Ministry. How does this impact or change your view of the Ministry of Helps? Does it get you excited?

QUIZ

1. The Church only needs some of the members to be working and functioning for the Church to run properly.
   TRUE OR FALSE

2. You can expect the supernatural to happen when you are serving in the Ministry of Helps.
   TRUE OR FALSE

3. What does it look like to operate in the Ministry of Helps?
   A. Preaching a sermon
   B. Leading the worship team
   C. Giving help to the weak and needy
   D. Giving a prophetic word

4. What does Rev. W. B. Godbey call those that “have no gifts as leaders”?
   A. Helpers
   B. Evangelists
   C. Teachers
   D. Preachers

5. Which one of the statements below is true of the Ministry of Helps according to Dr. Bell?
   A. It is less important than the ministry of an apostle.
   B. It is more important than the ministry of an apostle.
   C. It is of the same importance as the ministry of an apostle.
   D. It is not very important in the church.

SELF STUDY

1. Reread the W.E. Vines definition of Helps Ministry. Have you ever been prompted in your heart to offer assistance? Whether inside the church or outside? Did you give the assistance or the help needed?

2. Are you actively serving in your church? In what area? Do you get excited about what you are doing? Do you expect the supernatural to take place during the time you are serving?


4. Pray that God will help you to believe that you are a special member of your local church. Ask God to show you an area (or areas) that you can serve in at your church.