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# May Newsletter 2011

The right priority is a *must* in our Christian walk. We can not serve God if our priorities are misplaced. I am not as much afraid of failure as I am of succeeding at that which is unimportant. We don't want to invest our lives in wood, hay and stubble. I would like to look at three levels of service to God. 1) Ministry for God. 2) Ministry with God. 3) Ministry unto God. Let's look at the 1<sup>st</sup> level of ministry and that is ministry for God. This is a labor done for God and it is outer court ministry. This ministry is a response to a precept or to a scriptural command. There are three specific dangers at this level of ministry. 1) We get so busy working for God that we fail to work with God. 2) We can become very legalistic and if people are not involved in our ministry then they aren't as important as we are. 3) Many times this ministry of working for

God requires no intimate relationship with God. This work can be done in the energy of the flesh. I can clean the church; teach Sunday School if I have the lesson in front of me. I can do all kinds of things as a work for God that requires nothing but energy of the flesh and a good mind to comprehend the thing that I'm talking about. The 2<sup>nd</sup> level of ministry is ministry with God. We are laborers together with God. This is an inner court ministry where we draw near to God. Working with God is a response, not to a precept, but to a partner; the Lord Jesus Christ. In **Matthew 11:28-30, Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30) For My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.** As partners with Christ, the yoke is never for one, it is for two. As we

submit to the yoke we become fellow laborers with Christ. Working for God brings restless activity. Working with God brings rest. The 3<sup>rd</sup> level of ministry is the highest level of ministry possible, ministry unto God.

**1 Corinthians 3:16 – Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you.**

What is the temple? The temple is the place of worship; it's the place of communion with God. It is here at the table of the heart that God sits down to commune with us and us with Him. Ministry unto God is a ministry of prayer. This is not a response to a precept or a partner; it is a response to a person. This is not outer court or inner court ministry but it is ministry in the Holy of Holies. We must first minister unto

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# Upcoming Concerts



## **“Brother’s Forever”**

**May 8, 2011 – 10:00AM**

**Open Arms Ministries**

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God before we attempt to minister unto people. To be much for God we must be much with God. Ministering unto God is a prerequisite for effectual ministry and until we make prayer our first priority, we will continue to be frustrated. Our ability to minister to others comes from our knowledge of and communion with God. It is possible to know Christ theologically and not know His presence. In **Luke 24: 13-32** we have the story of the Emmaus road disciples. These two disciples were walking along in deep theological discussion concerning the things that had taken place in Jerusalem. They were talking about Jesus, a prophet mighty in deed, how He was crucified and while they were discussing Him, He (Jesus) joined them. It says in the story that when Christ came walking with them they didn't know Him. They were discussing the theology of Jesus yet were blind to His presence. The curse of our time is that Christ is missing in much of our theology. You can't know Christ through theology alone. Now, I do not minimize sound doctrine. To seek to know Christ apart from scripture will lead to much foolishness like we have today, but it is possible to have a great understanding of theology and still be a stranger to Christ. The Emmaus road disciples can quote all the facts about Jesus, but they didn't recognize that Jesus was talking to them. Their eyes were opened when Christ began breaking bread with them. This intimate revelation of Christ was not separate from sound doctrine because Jesus began with Moses and went through all the prophets, expounding the things concerning Himself. Sound doctrine is a must but it is only in the breaking of



## **“The Dove Brothers”**

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bread with Him that Jesus is known. In prayer, we commune with Him at the table of the heart and our eyes are opened to truly know and see Christ. People who don't pray can know much about God, but people who pray know God. As we learn the secret of ministering unto God, our ministry will expand and our circle of influence will widen. If we look at the life of Paul, we can see all 3 levels of ministry of his life. As a Pharisee, he persecuted the church. Had you asked him what he was doing, his reply would have been, "I'm working for God." In Acts Chapter 9, after his encounter with Christ, Paul moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of ministry. Verse 20 says, "Straightway he preached Christ." Now he is working with God. In Galatians 1: 16-18, Paul stopped his religious labor and went into the desert of Arabia for a 3-year prayer meeting. In the desert, Paul learned the secret of ministering unto God and came forth with a pure revelation of Jesus Christ. When he was working with God, his life was focused upon a need and he touched a small core of people. But, when he moved into the 3<sup>rd</sup> level of ministry, he moved into ministry unto God and his life touched the world. True ministry is the product of spiritual life that flows from intimate communion with the Lord Jesus Christ. When we move into ministry unto God, we can truly touch a lost world for Christ.

Thank you for your prayers and support of this ministry. Our prayer for you and your family is that God would keep you in this time.

**In Christ, Pastor Ken Geisendorfer**