

CONTINUE IN YOUR FAITH
Col. 1:24-29: Yes, You're a Minister!

INTRO. The Bible makes it clear that every Christian is to be a _____. That is to say, we have a responsibility to use our gifts and abilities to help others.

Rom. 12:6 - we have different gifts - and we should use them. I Cor. 12:7 - to each one a gift is given for the common good. I Peter 4:10 - "each one should use whatever gift he has to serve others..."
Depending on our gifts and abilities, our _____ (involvement in other people's lives) will take different forms.

1. Ministry is not _____ . - v. 24

2. The message is _____ in you. - v. 27

Gal. 2:20 - "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

So when people say, "I can't live this life" - help them understand "_____ is in you".

3. Our _____ has both a positive and a negative side. - v. 28

The message of Christ is balanced.

proclaim - declare a _____

admonishing - warning/reproving/convincing of error

teaching - instruction in the _____

wisdom - applying God's Truth to _____

4. Our goal is _____ . - v. 28b

perfect - fully instructed

Matt. 5:48 - full grown; mature

Eph. 4:11-13 - God gave us gifts so we might become mature.

5. The _____ of my ministry is Christ in me. - v.29

labor - toil to weariness

struggling - _____

But Paul says - what keeps me going is HIS _____!

His energy; efficiency; superhuman power - "Greater is He that is in me!

Powerfully works in me - not mine, but HIS!!!

