

Indications that I Have Developed a Passionate Heart for “Ministry” or for “People” instead of a Passionate Heart for God

I allow ministry to hinder my relationship with God
I have a greater desire to minister or spend time with people than to spend time with God
I am more attentive to people than I am to God
Spiritual disciplines become duties that I rush (or ignore) in order to do ministry
My self-worth is based on the fruitfulness of ministry rather than my relationship with God
I often find myself spiritually dry
My ministry produces emotional high and lows instead of being stabilized by pursuing God
I seldom, if at all, see God move supernaturally in ministry
Ministry becomes a job or duty instead of a lifestyle
Worrying often overrides my trust in God
I normally think in terms of results not process
I am often more interested in attracting people physically than growing people spiritually
I often teach and desire dependence upon my ministry instead of dependence upon God
I want people to be impressed with me or my ministry rather than be impressed with God
I mainly use “me” or “I” in describing ministry instead of “God” or “He”
Honestly my faith often is in me or my methods instead of in God
I demand my rights instead of surrender them and I expect people to respect my position
I honestly desire fruitfulness in ministry to receive the praise from people
My lifestyle suggests that I would rather have people see me as “a successful minister” than one who
“pursues God wholeheartedly”
My personal time with God is often boring rather than refreshing
I am more interested in breadth than depth when it comes to ministry
Fruitfulness in ministry regulates my desire for God
My fear of people is greater than my fear of God
My lifestyle can be characterized as “busy”, “hurried”, or “rushed” instead of “peaceful”
I see people with needs as interruptions to my ministry
I blame “burnout” or “weariness” on ministry rather than my lack of intimacy with God
I sometimes think that spending quality time alone with God interferes with fruitful ministry
I often see people as problems rather than opportunities
I am more impressed with me than with God’s ability to use me
My ministry primarily focuses on people who are not needy
I primarily aim at ministering to people who are just like me
I have a tendency to use people for my purposes instead of loving them for God’s purposes
I minister differently to “attractive” people than to “unattractive” people
I hate it when God uses people to build Godly character in me
I have a greater desire for verbal praise than for a silent affirmation that God is using me
I am good at masking my deficiencies and poor at being vulnerable about my needs
I am more interested in protecting my reputation than God’s reputation
I struggle with envy or jealousy when thinking of others’ ministries
I am more interested in “looking” spiritual than “being” spiritual
My desire for ministry is more self-centered than God-centered
I am more prone to judge than assist
My pride thrives on receiving the credit but runs from receiving the blame
I am so interested in ministry that I become spiritually lazy at times
I often desire to be the hero or heroine instead of being a member of the team
I ignore criticism because it is not 100% accurate and my critics really do not understand me
I use attendance at anything as a confirmation of it being worthwhile
I find myself running as fast as I can “for” God instead of “to” God
I often vacillate between being “God’s gift to mankind” and “swamp scum”
I often sacrifice family for ministry
I love standing in front of people more than I love standing in front of God
I normally avoid ministering outside of my “comfort zone”
I do not expect God to change me – just those around me
My ministry to others aims at helping them achieve what I have achieved spiritually
Ministry rises or falls because of my ability to minister
I often think about what I have sacrificially given up to minister for God