

God's Minister is a _____ Minister (14-15)

There are no _____ spiritual gifts (14)

Growth is not _____ (15a)

Personal progress should be _____ (15b)

God's Minister is a _____ Minister (16)

Gospel ministry requires a _____ of _____ (16a)

Gospel ministry is God's _____ for _____ (16b)

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Timothy was launched into ministry through prophecy and the laying on of hands (vs 14). How can you be involved in shaping someone's trajectory towards a life of ministry?

3. What happens when a believer neglects the gifts given to them by God (vs 14)?

4. Paul encourages Timothy to dedicate himself to ministry (vs15). By what practices or principles can the believer dedicate themselves to ministry, while also not neglecting other responsibilities like family, vocation, and personal health?

5. What could be the cause(s) of a believer who exhibits no externally evident spiritual growth over time?

6. Reflect on your spiritual growth since you came to know the Lord. What has changed, and what has resulted from those changes?

7. Challenge yourself to read the "What we believe and teach" section of Valley Bible's website this week. What questions, observations, or lessons come to mind?

8. Are there areas of your life (large or small) that are not in alignment with what you teach and believe (vs16)? If so, what steps can you make to be more consistent?

9. Envision you just had a conversation with Trudy, during which she accepted the Gospel and came to know Jesus as her Savior. What role did God, you, and Trudy each play in Trudy's salvation? What advice would you give her to jump-start her sanctification?