

Committed to

1. Being honest: Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator" (Col. 3:9-10). To Paul, deceit is incompatible with the Christian walk. His honesty leads him to confess his failings to the entire group.

2. Being Open: If other people don't know we have a need, how can they help. We are to "bear with each other" (Col. 3:13); "encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thess. 5:11); and "love one another deeply, from the heart" (1 Pet. 1:22).

3 Giving glory to God: Don't hide your weaknesses, "so that Christ's power may rest on you." We may think God will be glorified by our appearance of perfection but God is truly glorified by our admission of weakness and our full dependence on His sufficient grace.

4. Focusing on positive relationships: We won't be like the world and walk away from our problems in church because of one word, action or person. We are committed to focusing on the good relationships we have in church and building on them. (Phil 4.6)



Paying attention To



1. When you have a problem with another person you will go to them privately.
2. If someone has a problem with you, you would want them to come to you privately and tell you about it.
3. If someone has a problem with someone else and comes to you send them to the person they have the problem with.
4. If someone hesitates to go to that person say, "Let's go together. I'm sure they will see us about this."
5. Be careful how you interpret others, they are different from you no two people are the same.
6. If it's confidential, you won't tell unless someone is being harmed by someone else.
7. You won't pay attention to third person information as there has been too many people interpreting it already.
8. You will not be a manipulator.
9. When in doubt, you will bring your concern or questions to the right person.



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What is Christian Ministry?

Ministry is from the Greek words meaning "to serve" or "to serve as a slave." In the New Testament, Jesus came, not to receive, but to give, that's ministry. ([Matthew 20:28](#), [Mark 10:45](#), [John 13:1-17](#)) Out of devotion to Christ and love for others we minister, impartially and unconditionally to people who ever they are. Christians in the early church were expected to be involved in the ministry of helping others ([Romans 12:3-8](#), [Romans 10-13](#), [2 Timothy 2:24-26](#).) The emphasis is on sharing Christ as the essence of Life. ([John 1:12](#), [Colossians 2:6-7](#), [Galatians 2:20](#), [Philippians 3:8-10](#)). which includes ministering to the physical, emotional, mental, vocational, and financial needs of others. Jesus did this and so should we!

Promoting Caring By being.....

1. Friendly: We all want friends and when no one is there for us we feel let down and get demoralised.

[Proverbs 18:24](#)

A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

2. Sensitive: Looking beyond our private world and seeing someone else's need with a heart to help them.

3. Supportive: Helping others who are in a more fragile place than ourselves, making positive steps to support each other.

4. Organised: A team to respond to a specific need, one team to respond to families experiencing a medical crisis and other teams to focus on new members, people at risk or other recognisable pools of people.



Developing Encouragement By..

1. Speaking pleasant words:

Proverbs 16:24 "Pleasant words are sweet to the soul and healing to the bones."

We need this!

2. Write your thoughts:

The New Testament is proof of the power of written communication. Sometimes a short note to someone who's discouraged can mean so much.

We can do that!

3. Being available:

"The Lord is close to the broken hearted," Psalm 34:18. God asks us simply to be there for others on His behalf. **Be available for this!**

4. Praying:

"You help us by your prayers," Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 1:11.

Everyone can be involved in this!

5. Showing hospitality:

Practicing biblical hospitality by reaching out and sharing what we have. "Romans 12:13. Share with God's people who are in need. Practise hospitality." **We should do this!**

6. Giving:

God wants us to share what we have in time and material possessions. [2 Corinthians 9:7](#) "let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity;. for God loves a cheerful giver." **We should practice this!**