

Things I've learned about ministry in the 35 years I've served

1. Don't give up – *Don't let discouragement defeat you*

(2 Corinthians 4:1) Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

2. Know your enemy – *It's not the people you serve*

² But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

3. Don't do anything in ministry without a vision and call from God

⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

4. Following God's will is not taking a risk – It's being obedient

5. God will bless the ministry He has called you to, when you stay obedient to Him