

Ministering for a Lifetime...? or !

2 Timothy 2:1-7

Six Imperatives for Lifelong Ministry

I. Be _____ in the Lord (v. 1)

What is the difference between giving a nod to God and needing God?

Nodder

Nodders secretly love what God hates and _____ what God loves.

Nodders take time with God lightly.

Nodders _____ their devotions.

Nodders want God to serve them.

Nodders try to _____ things on their own.

Nodders pray when they realize God is their only hope.

Nodders are _____.

Nodders are earthly-focused.

Nodders seek their greatest joy _____.

Nodders coast.

Needer

Needers love what God loves and hate what God hates.

Needers _____ time with God.

Needers enjoy their devotions.

Needers want to serve _____.

Needers are God-dependent.

Needers _____ all the time.

Needers are others-focused.

Needers are _____.

Needers seek their greatest joy later.

Needers _____.

II. Be _____. (v. 2)

When you can't be gone, it may not be a sign of how great a leader you are. It might reflect a lack of training.

III. Be _____. (v. 3)

Some things a ministry leader must endure:

A. Some people don't _____ you.

- B. Being let down or stabbed in the back by people we love.
- C. Being gossiped about or harshly _____ by others in ministry.
- D. Loneliness
- E. _____
- F. Health issues
- G. Financial _____
- H. Temptation to sin
- I. Lack of _____ – where do you feel like a failure?

IV. Be pursuing deep _____. (v. 3)

V. Be careful regarding _____. (v. 4a)

VI. Be concerned about what _____ thinks of you and your ministry. (v. 4b)