

BOUNDARIES AND BALANCE IN THE MINISTRY

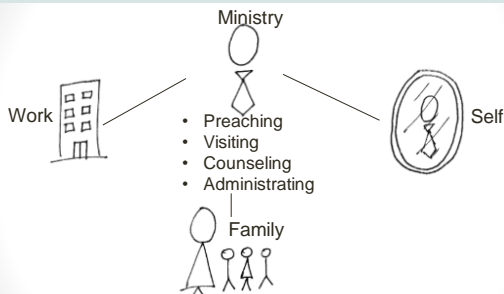
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2 Corinthians 4:1

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;"

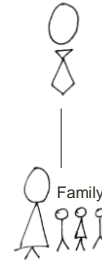
The Balancing Act



We are not asking, "How do I minister **without** self, family or work?" We are asking, "How do I minister **out** of my self, family and work?"

Balancing Family and Ministry

- Questions:**
- Has there been a "neglect effect" on our family?
 - Has there been an "expectation effect" on our family?

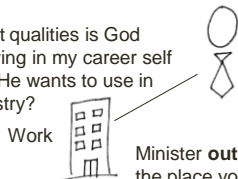


- Suggestions:**
- Wisely wrestle and discuss the priorities of family and ministry.
 - Separate church expectations from your expectations from God's expectations.

Minister **out of** your family by having them be your loudest Gospel message. **Out of** our family we model: *This is how Jesus loves.*

Balancing Work and Ministry

- Questions:**
- What are the differences between my career self and church self?
 - What qualities is God growing in my career self that He wants to use in ministry?
- Suggestions:**
- Let your work be a healthy "escape" from the stress of ministry.



Minister **out of** your career by having it be the place you apply the Scriptures. **Out of** our career we model: *The Bible works in real life.*

Balancing Self and Ministry

- Questions:**
- Am I the agent and the Bible the subject? Or is the Bible the agent and I the subject?
 - What nurtures your spirit and fills you with delight?
- Suggestions:**
- Let go of your guilt list. Grab hold of God.
 - Slow down and create a rhythm for loving communion with God.



Minister **out of** your personal self care by having your solitude with Christ be the generator of every good work. **Out of** our self care we model: *Christ is Savior and we are not.*