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**Living Faith Chapel, Calgary
(Solution Center)**

WORD FOR THE WEEK

BENEFITS AND CHALLENGES OF MINISTRY

Glory be to the name of our heavenly Father for all He does in our lives and for what He has been doing in the lives of our family members! We are also grateful to Him as a church for the revelation of His word to us. We should also be immensely grateful to our heavenly Father for the success of this year's Prayer Retreat and all the blessings and reawakening that came from it. This is the penultimate Sunday of this month in which we have been considering the theme of "Divine Call and Ministry Gifts". So far, the Lord has revealed so many hidden treasures about spiritual gifts to us. With this theme in focus, we are considering another topic related to divine call spiritual gifts – "Benefits and Challenges of Ministry."

A. Benefits of Ministry.

1. You will be fruitful – *John 15:5 (I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing)*
2. Your spiritual gift will manifest and be developed - *Mk. 16:18 (They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover).*
3. You will harvest more blessings for what you wish. *John 15:7 (If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you)*
4. You will be fulfilled – *Psalms 138:7 (Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me)*
5. The church will be fortified - *Ephesians 4:12 – 13 (For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ)*
6. And finally you will be with Jesus - *John 14:1-2 (Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you); 2Tim.2:12;*

B. Challenges of Ministry

1. Criticism
2. Lack of true friends.
3. Time constraints.
4. Eternal and spiritual nature of things.
5. Expectations.
6. You Will Meet Resistance

Conclusion:

The Church will be strong if most of us use our spiritual gifts. It will even be stronger when all of us put our gifts into action. And if we love the church and the work of God, we must strive to put our spiritual gifts into action regardless of the challenges we face in our call and ministry.

NOTE: If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at pastor@rccglfc.org