

Questions for Those Who Minister

The following are some basic questions that may help those of us who minister in a variety of arenas. A thoughtful, prayerful answer to each may help us to not only clarify our ministry but can also help us, through these questions, develop a ministry team.

- Why am I in this ministry?
- What constitutes “success” in my eyes?
- In what way am I ministering so that my own needs will be met?
- How much do I rely on other people’s approval and praise?
- What specific pitfalls am I most susceptible to?
- What distortions about ministry have I accepted?

My Strengths and Weaknesses

[True or False]

- I spend adequate time in preparation
- I am a God pleaser not a man pleaser
- I genuinely love the students in my class
- I ask good questions
- I am a person of prayer
- I am not an expert so it is easier for me to rely on God
- I don't have my own agenda for each class
- I generally don't take things personally
- Intense emotions like crying don't make me feel uncomfortable
- I am not a fix-it person that often throws out advice without thinking