



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 8:1-3 (NAS)

Topic: "Involvement in Ministry"

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- 1 And it came about soon afterwards, that He began going about from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God; and the twelve were with Him,
- 2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,
- 3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.

I. MINISTRY DEFINED

- A. In A Very Narrow Sense
- B. In The Broader Biblical Sense *Ephesians 4:1-7,11,12*

II. THE PREREQUISITE FOR MINISTRY

- A. Some Inappropriately Called To Serve Who Are Not Saved
 1. They may gain a false security *Titus 3:5*
 2. They have a negative view of the church
- B. Jesus Set Forth The Prerequisite In His Teaching
 1. He proclaimed the Kingdom
 2. He is the King
 3. We must be Kingdom members to serve the King *John 1:12*

III. THREE SERVANTS OF THE KING WHO ARE NAMED

- A. Mary Magdalene
- B. Joanna
- C. Susanna

IV. COMING TO SHRIST ALWAYS INVOLVES A DEMONSTRATABLE DIFFERENCE

- A. Were Slaves To Sin; We Are Called To Obedience *John 14:15*
- B. We All Are Given Gifts *Ephesians 4:4*

V. TWO GENERAL CATEGORIES OF MINISTRY I Peter 4:10,11

- A. Teaching
- B. Service *Matthew 25:40*

VI. THE GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

- A. There Are A Diversity Of Gifts *I Corinthians 12:14-16*
- B. There Is A Unity Of Purpose *Ephesians 4:12-13*
- C. Gift Should Not Become An Excuse For Not Serving In Many Ways