

MY PERSONAL MISSION STATEMENT:

To make disciples and churches that birth new churches to the glory of God.

MY PERSONAL VISION STATEMENT:

I have a divine calling to love God, to know and proclaim Christ and His Gospel to others, to maintain my focus upon God's Mission, to serve as a Minister of the Gospel to His Church, and to be a steward and guardian of the true faith as a Pastor/Theologian. In maintaining these core principles, I will be successful in God's eyes.

MY PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY:

My Philosophy of Ministry is a very personal reflection upon what I believe God has revealed to me through His Holy Scriptures. My personal Mission Statement and my personal Vision Statement are a summary of the direction I have received from God through His Word as the Holy Spirit has taught and guided my understanding. My Philosophy of Ministry is basically an exposition of my Personal Vision Statement. It serves as a reminder of the biblical principles that guide my life and ministry. It is not completely exhaustive, nor is it completely set in stone. I am sure that as I grow in Christ, my philosophy of ministry will grow with me. Below you will read the core principles that guide and direct who I am and the type of minister I am seeking to be.

I AM CALLED TO LOVE GOD.

There is no higher calling in life than to have a vibrant, on-going, deep, and loving relationship with God ([Matthew 22:36-39](#)). I join the apostle Paul in saying, "I count all things to be loss in view of the *surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord*, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so *that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him*, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, *that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings*, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead ([Philippians 3:8-11](#)).

I AM CALLED TO KNOW AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO OTHERS.

Jesus Christ is our hope, the light of the world ([John 8:12](#)). His Gospel is the power of God for salvation ([Romans 1:16](#)). Christ founded the greatest gathered force on earth, the Church, for the purpose of spreading the hope and power of His gospel to the ends of the earth ([Matthew 16:13-20](#)). He calls men and women to follow Him in a life of full devotion as His disciples ([Matthew 16:24; 10:38; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23; 14:27](#)). These called men and women, transformed by the Gospel of God's grace through Jesus Christ become His Church, His bride. God through Jesus Christ commissioned His Church to carry out His mission of reconciliation through the call to make disciples who make disciples ([Matthew 28:16-20](#)). He gave His Church the light of life ([John 8:12](#)) and taught her that she is now the light of the world ([Matthew 5:14](#)). Bearing God's image brightly to a world that is lost in the darkness of sin and death, in order that they too can be reconciled with God through the grace of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit as they hear the Gospel proclaimed by His Church ([Ephesians 3:10](#)).

I AM CALLED TO GOD'S MISSION

The foundation of the ministry that God has given me is deeply rooted in my knowledge of God through Christ and His Scripture ([1 Peter 1:1-11; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11](#)). *My mission is God's Mission!* He seeks to glorify himself through the ministry of reconciliation. God seeks to restore humanity (every tribe, tongue, and nation) and creation to a right relationship with Him through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ ([Revelation 5:9; Colossians 1:20; 2 Corinthians 5:12-21; Ephesians 1:9-10](#)). It is to this mission that my life must align and be dedicated to fulfilling.

I AM CALLED TO BE A MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL

I consider God's call to the pastoral ministry to be the highlight of my walk with Christ despite my unworthiness. Christ is the head of His Church ([Colossians 1:18](#)). All authority comes from Him ([Matthew 28:18](#)). As a Church leader, I am merely an under-shepherd who shepherds the Church of Jesus Christ under the authority of the Good Shepherd. I recognize that the character and calling of pastoral leadership is consistent across all contexts ([1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; Ephesians 4:11-16](#)). While I understand that not everyone is called to the role of a church leader, I thoroughly believe that every believer is called to be a minister of reconciliation. My ultimate pastoral responsibility can be summarized as the building up of the body to maturity in Christ so that every believer can fulfill

their calling to God's glory (Ephesians 4:11–16; 1 Peter 5:1– 4; 1 Corinthians 3:10–17; Colossians 1:28; Hebrews 13:17). To this end, I know that I will be held accountable and will have to stand before the Lord to answer for how I have fulfilled the ministry God has given me (James 3:1; Ezekiel 34:1-10; Hebrews 13:17). I understand that I am foremost a servant. God has not called me to the pastoral ministry so that I can benefit from a title, or be enamored by prestige, or climb a professional ladder. I have been called to serve Him and equip His church to advance His Kingdom Mission!

I AM CALLED TO BE A PASTOR/THEOLOGIAN

Scripture is clear that an evidence of maturity in a believer is their holding to sound doctrine (Ephesians 4:13–14). I believe that sound doctrine begins with church leadership, for they are called to: **1)** Guard the doctrines (1 Timothy 4:16), **2)** apply the doctrines to everyday life and ministry (2 Timothy 3:14–17; 2 Peter 1:3–4), and **3)** keep the church focused on the purpose of the doctrines (2 Timothy 2:24–26), namely conforming us more into the mind and image of Christ. Therefore, my calling is not complete in merely being a pastor. I must be a pastor who seeks to study what Charles Spurgeon called, “The Queen of Sciences.” Theology matters and it must not be taken lightly. Theology directs our thoughts and gives hands and feet to the application of our beliefs. My calling is to be a Pastor/Theologian. If we are to accomplish God's mission, we must understand both God and His mission in a way that totally transcends a casual acquaintance.

CONCLUSION

Only when these things are understood and rightly applied to my life and the ministry God has given me, will I be able to make disciples and churches that birth new churches to the glory of God. This is not only a philosophical framework of my ministry; it is the essence of who I am called to be and what I am called to do. My prayer is that God will use me to advance His Kingdom Mission as I seek to align the mission of my life more closely with His mission.