

No. 19 Fully Accomplish Your Ministry

Note to the speaker:

Talk with audience participation and interviews. Help brothers see the importance of setting goals in the field service and manifesting a self-sacrificing spirit to reach them

ACCOMPLISH YOUR MINISTRY FULLY (4 min.)

The harvest is truly great today [**Read Matthew 9:37, 38**]

Yet the Kingdom good news is being declared throughout the earth

You are all to be commended for faithfully sharing in warning people of the impending destruction of this system of things (Eze 33:8, 9)

Many of you are making sacrifices so that you can have a full share in the disciple-making work (Col 3:23, 24)

What can we do to set the example for those in our congregations and to work hard to accomplish our ministry fully?

ENCOURAGE YOUR FAMILY TO VALUE THE MINISTRY (8 min.)

Field ministry is an integral part of our worship (Ps 40:8)

All in your family should have a full share in the evangelizing work (Ps 148:12, 13)

It may require some persuasion to inculcate heartfelt appreciation for the ministry (1Co 9:16, 17)

If you are a family head, make arrangements for those in your family to share regularly in the ministry

Do you work personally with your wife and children?

Good organization is needed to accomplish the most

Have a definite schedule to share in the ministry with your family

Work with others in the ministry also but not to the neglect of your own family

Teach your children to have a workable schedule for service from an early age

Help them see why it is advantageous to have a good schedule (Joh 4:34)

Recognize that your children have different abilities, just as other publishers do; each child's accomplishments will differ. Is each child rendering whole-souled service in keeping with his or her individual abilities? (Mt 13:18, 23)

Impress upon them the vital importance of preaching to others (Ro 10:13-15)

PURSUE SPIRITUAL GOALS (9 min.)

Setting spiritual goals for your family will ensure that you direct your energies and other resources wisely

Spiritual goals promote spiritual growth and will help us concentrate on the more important things (Php 1:10)

Is the full-time ministry held before your family as a privilege, a gift from Jehovah?

Whole-souled evangelizers have the pioneer spirit (*km* 7/88 1-2)

Do you encourage your wife and children to pioneer?

Can you join or support them as such?

As was so with Paul, self-discipline will enable us to reach our goals successfully [**Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 9:24-27**]

Question: What are some personal goals that you and your family could pursue in connection with the ministry? [Conducting a home Bible study, sharing in the ministry on different days or at different times than we normally do, sharing in various features of the ministry, enrolling as an auxil-

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ary or a regular pioneer or assisting a family member to do so, serving where there is a greater need, learning another language, working in the ministry with each pioneer in the congregation]

[Interviews: (4 min.) Interview two family heads who have various responsibilities and yet are exemplary in the ministry. One should have a child or children that are in the full-time ministry. Ask each to explain: What secular and congregation responsibilities do you have? How do you balance your secular, congregation, and family responsibilities with your field ministry? Why do you feel that a balanced ministry is important? How do you assist your family so that they have a zealous share in the disciple-making work? (Question for brother whose child is in the full-time ministry: What did you do to encourage your child to pursue the full-time service?)]

The example you and your family set by sharing in various features of the ministry has a positive effect on the congregation

TAKE THE LEAD BY WORD AND EXAMPLE (3 min.)

How blessed we are to be ministers of the Kingdom good news today!

Although our appointment requires that we fulfill specific responsibilities, first and foremost we are evangelizers (Eph 4:11)

Since our attitude toward the ministry has an inevitable effect on the spirituality of the congregation, it is important that we take the lead by word and example

May we sense deeply the urgency of our times and do our utmost to share zealously in preaching the good news

[Introduce the song and announce the break]