

HANDOUT FOR LESSON NINE  
THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

INTRODUCTION:

- 1) The English word “ministry” is used to refer both to the general service of the church for others and to the role of leadership exercised in performing the work of the church.
- 2) Both aspects of ministry will be considered in this lesson – the work of the church and the ministers who lead in its performance.

BODY:

- 1) The Worker and His Works.
  - a) We have learned that the redemptive work of Christ is the source of the church and of its ministry.
  - b) The work of the church.
    - i) Evangelism.
    - ii) Edification.
    - iii) Benevolence.
- 2) The Giver and the Gifts.
  - a) Gifts, service, and leadership – their source.
  - b) Gifts, service, and leadership – their nature.
- 3) The Minister and the Ministers.
  - a) Jesus Christ is *the minister* of the church.
  - b) Temporary/Occasional functionaries.
- 4) The Shepherd and the Shepherds.
  - a) Elders.
    - i) Qualifications.
    - ii) Work.
  - b) Teachers.
    - i) Qualifications.
    - ii) Work.
- 5) The Preacher and the Preachers.
  - a) Qualifications.
  - b) Work.
- 6) The Servant and the Servants (deacons).
  - a) Qualifications.
  - b) Work.

CONCLUSION:

- 1) Is the Lord’s pattern for the organization and operation of the church binding in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?
- 2) Where the Word has spoken, true believers will follow.