

Philosophy of Ministry – Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Philosophy of life and ministry: to know, love and glorify God, be used of him to raise up qualified laborers as fast as possible to help fulfill the Great Commission.

II. We should know God because it is his desire. (1 Corinthians 1:9; Philippians 3:10; Psalm 27:4; Exodus 33:13)

A. To know God is to know his ways and obey him. (Psalm 103:7; Romans 11:29; Acts 24:16)

B. There is no substitute for obedience, and there is a time limit on it—now. (Psalm 119:59-60; Amos 3:3; 1 John 1:7; Psalm 6:18)

C. The results of obedience. Obedience is the measure and basis of our love. (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Deuteronomy 10:12-13; Jeremiah 29:11; Ephesians 1:8; Micah 6:8; John 14:21; Deuteronomy 5:21)

D. To know God is to please him. (Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5)

E. We get know God through conversion. (John 3:16)

F. We get know God through his Word. (John 5:39)

G. We get to know God by spending time with him.

H. We get to know God through the example of godly people.

III. We should love God.

A. Jesus commanded it. (Matthew 22:34)

B. Loving is an act of the will. (Deuteronomy 30:19-10)

C. God is a jealous God. We are to fear God and serve him alone. (Exodus 34:14; 1 Corinthians 4:7; Hebrews 12:15; Luke 12:15; Jeremiah 45:5)

D. We show our love through obedience and wanting to be with him.. (John 14:15)

E. We show our love for God in our love for others. (Matthew 25)

Application questions:

1. How can you go about knowing God more and practically helping others to know him as well?

2. What does it look like to love God?

3. How would you articulate your life mission in light of the message?
