

*A Resource for*  
**Ministering in the  
Savior's Way**



# 1: What is ministering?

## Doctrinal Foundation

- Explore the church website [This is Ministering](#)
- Visit the church website [What is Ministering?](#)
- Watch [A Vision for Ministering](#)
- Read [James 1:27](#); [Mosiah 18:8-9](#); [Mosiah 23:18](#)

## Questions to Ponder

- What does it mean to minister?
- Why did the church change visiting/home teaching to ministering?
- Are there times in your life when ministering has had a positive impact on you?
- Are there times in your life when having more (or more effective) ministering may have improved your situation?

## Invitations to Act

- Write what you are learning in a study journal.
- Pray each day for ministering opportunities.
- Ask your friends and loved ones about times when effective ministering helped them. As moved by the Spirit, record any stories shared in your study journal.



“Understanding the Savior’s freely given atoning love can free us from self-imposed, incorrect, and unrealistic expectations of what perfection is.”

Elder Gerrit W. Gong of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, “[Becoming Perfect in Christ](#),” *Ensign*, July 2014, 14.

# 2: Why is ministering important?

## Doctrinal Foundation

- Watch [Keep the Lower Lights Burning](#)
- Read [The First Great Commandment](#) by President Holland
- Read [The Second Great Commandment](#) by President Nelson
- Read [Matthew 22:36-40](#); [Acts 10:38](#); [Moroni 6:4](#); [John 13:34](#); [JST Matthew 16:28](#); [Matthew 16:25](#); [John 21](#); [Mosiah 2:17-18](#);

## Questions to Ponder

- What does it mean to obey the two great commandments?
- How can I show my love for God through service?
- How do my temple covenants affect the way I minister?

## Invitations to Act

- Learn the names of your ministering individuals. Contact your quorum or organization president if you do not know your ministering assignment.
- Ponder what your covenants mean to you, including those made at baptism, renewed weekly while taking the Sacrament, and any covenants you may have made in the temple.
- Pray for guidance on how to gain a personal testimony of ministering.

## We Are the Lord's Hands



“Christ knows how to minister to others perfectly. When the Savior stretches out His hands, those He touches are uplifted and become greater, stronger, and better people as a result.

“If we are His hands, should we not do the same?”

Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, “You Are My Hands,” *Liahona*, May 2010, 70.

# 3: How is ministering organized in the ward?

## Doctrinal Foundation

- Read [Church Handbook section 21](#)
- Read [Be With and Strengthen Them](#) by President Holland
- Read [Ministering as the Savior Does](#) by President Jean Bingham

## Questions to Ponder

- Why has the Lord instituted a structured ministering program in His church?
- What is my role in assisting the ward to fulfill its ministering mission?
- Are there any principles to learn from the timing in which the change was made from home/visiting teaching to ministering?

## Invitations to Act

- Introduce yourself to your ministering companion and ministering assignments.
- Pray for those you are assigned to minister to specifically by name. Ask the Lord to guide your efforts to minister to them, then act in faith that your prayers will be answered by serving them.

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## The Savior's Example

The Savior was prepared for His ministry. “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost,” and then Christ “went about doing good” ([Acts 10:38](#)). He was “full of the Holy Ghost” and was often “led by the Spirit” ([Luke 4:1](#)). Christ surely went about doing good before being anointed with the Holy Ghost, but receiving the Holy Ghost and having that right to inspiration was an important part of His ministry—just as it’s an important part of ours.

# 4: How can I be an effective minister?

## Doctrinal Foundation

- Read President Nelson’s message [Ministering with the Power and Authority of God](#)
- Watch [Effective Ministering](#)
- Watch [Ministering as the Savior does](#)
- Visit church website [Everyday Ministering](#)
- Visit church website [Principles](#)
- Read [James 1:22](#); [D&C 58:26-29](#); [2 Nephi 2:26](#);



“A life devoted to service to others allows conscience to flourish. Service provides a natural barrier against the ills that flow in the wake of self-will and self-interest. A focus outside ourselves and beyond personal autonomy and personal pleasure will protect and strengthen conscience.”

Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, “How the Watergate Scandal Taught Elder Christofferson to Always Follow His Conscience,” *Church News*, Dec. 5, 2018.

## Questions to Ponder

- What does the Lord expect from me as a ministering sister or brother?
- What can I learn from good examples in my life about effective ministering?
- How have I ministered well in the past?
- How can I improve my efforts to minister?

## Invitations to Act

- Brainstorm a list of many possible ways to minister. Share that list with others.
- Make goals and plans for how you will improve your ministering this month.
- Share what you are learning with your ministering companion or roommates.

# 5: What is a ministering interview?

## Doctrinal Foundation

- Watch [Purposes of Ministering Interviews](#)
- Explore church website [Ministering Interviews](#)
- Explore [Callings/trainings website > Ministering Interviews](#)

## Questions to Ponder

- What is the purpose of a ministering interview?
- How can ministering interviews help me with my service?
- What misconceptions have I had regarding ministering interviews?

## Invitations to Act

- Contact your presidency member to request a ministering interview. Share times that work for you and your companion to meet together with a member of the presidency.
- Share with someone in your quorum/class a positive experience from a ministering interview.

# 6: The Blessings of Ministering

## Doctrinal Foundation

- Watch [The Blessings of Ministering](#)
- Read [Overcome the World and Find Rest](#) by President Nelson
- Read [Matthew 25:35-45](#); [D&C 76:5](#); [Colossians 3:23-24](#); [Galatian 5:13](#); [Isaiah 40:31](#); [D&C 59:23](#);

## Questions to Ponder

- What has the Lord promised to those who minister?
- How can ministering to others bless my life?
- How can my ministering efforts bless the lives of others?

## Invitations to Act

- Write a list of the blessings of ministering.
- Send a thank you note to someone who has blessed your life through ministering.

# 7: Leaders: How can I help others to minister?

## Doctrinal Foundation

- Read church handbook section 4
- Visit the church website [Stake and Ward Leaders](#)
- Watch [Making and Keeping Sacred Covenants](#) by Elder Pearson (Utah Area President)
- Watch [Becoming Christlike Ministering Leaders](#) by Elder Hugo Martinez (Utah Area Presidency)
- Watch [Creating a Culture of Ministering in Higher and Holier Ways](#) by Elder Taylor (Utah Area Presidency)
- Watch [Ministering in a Holier Way](#) by Elder Neil L. Andersen
- Read [Mosiah 2](#); [D&C 81:5](#); [John 13:34](#); [D&C 58:27-29](#); [D&C 12:8](#); [1 Peter 2:21](#); [Mark 10:44-45](#); [1 Nephi 11:28](#); [Moses 6](#);

## Questions to Ponder

- What is my role in inviting others to minister?
- How can I help those I serve progress along the covenant path?
- What changes can I make to become a more Christlike ministering leader?

## Invitations to Act

- Pray for those in your class or quorum by name.
- Ask the Lord in prayer what specific changes He would have you make in your life; are there things He would like you to stop doing, or do less of? What things would He have you start doing, or increase your commitment to?