

Series: Savoring the Savior  
**“PARTNERING WITH GOD”**  
(Ordinary Men; Extraordinary Calling)  
Part Four  
Mark 6:7-13, 30-32

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**Introduction:**

**Twelve Principles For Effective Service / Ministry:**

**1. YOUR CALLING:** (Mark 6:7a)

- Have you received a call from God for what He has called you to do for Him?
- How do you know that what you are doing, or not doing for that matter, is what God wants you to do with your life?

**2. YOUR MESSAGE:** (Mark 6:7a)

- Why doesn't MBC have more evangelistic events and outreaches into our community?
- What specifically is the message that God wants you (us) to proclaim?
- Why has God called us to proclaim His message? That would make us His ambassadors, His representatives here on earth.

**3. YOUR PARTNERS:** (Mark 6:7b)

- Do you have a ministry partner, or partners, to come alongside you to share the burdens and joys of ministry in doing the work God has called you to do?
- Has God asked you to do this ministry alone?

**4. YOUR MOTIVES:** (Mark 6:7c)

- What is the true motive for your service / ministry? How is this tested and proven?
- Where do you get the power to do your ministry, and how will you know that God is with you in your work of ministry?

**5. YOUR DEPENDENCY:** (Mark 6:8,9)

- Are you working dependently or independently from God and others?
- If your ministry fails or is rejected where will you lay the blame and responsibility?

**6. YOUR PROVISION:** (Mark 6:8,9)

- Who provides the necessary provisions to do God's ministry?
- What was the lesson for the disciples and for us today regarding ministry?

**7. YOUR BAGGAGE:** (Mark 6:8,9)

- What extra baggage are you carrying into the work God has called you to do for Him?
- What might you unpack and leave behind in order to be better freed to be wholly available to do God's mission?

**8. YOUR IDENTITY / INTEGRITY:** (Mark 6:10)

- Who are you in Christ?
- What does God expect of you as His ambassador?
- What do others think of you? Would they give you a good report? Would they welcome you into their homes?

**9. YOUR ATTITUDE:** (Mark 6:11a)

- Have you been able, will you be able, to shake the dust off your feet of failure and rejection in the ministry?
- Are you still carrying anger, bitterness, resentment from previous missions and ministries holding you captive?

**10. YOUR ACCOUNTABILITY:** (Mark 6:11b)

- Have you turned over the criticisms, judgments, discipline and hurts to God where it belongs?
- Who are you accountable and answerable to?

**11. YOUR FOCUS:** (Mark 6:12)

- Do you have a clear focus, purpose, goals and objectives for your ministry?
- How will you know when you have completed your mission?
- What will the completion of your mission look like?

**12. YOUR FRUIT:** (Mark 6:13)

- What fruit have you seen from your labor in your work of ministry?
- Have you given God thanks and the glory for what you have seen Him do in and through your ministry?
- Do you regularly give thanks to God and to others for the work of ministry that impacts your life and the lives of others for the glory of God and His kingdom?

**Moment of Decision:**