

MINISTERING TO THE LORD

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INTRO: With a heavy schedule of appointments, President Lincoln had an elderly woman with no official business in mind ask to see him. As she entered his office, he rose to greet her and asked how he might be of service. She replied that she had not come in to ask a favor. She had heard that the President liked a certain kind of cookie, so she baked some for him and brought them to his office. With tears in his eyes, Lincoln responded “You are the very first person who has ever come into my office asking not, expecting not, but rather bringing me a gift. I thank you from the bottom of my heart”.

- **DEUT. 10:8 AMPC**

Imagine how many requests God gets on a daily basis. People all over the world are constantly asking favors of Him. Imagine how it must make Him feel when, like this woman, His children enter His presence just to minister to Him. In the Old Testament, the tribe of Levi was set apart to minister to and bless God. In the New Testament, all believers are set apart to minister to the Lord first, then to the saints, and finally to the world (**1 PET. 2:9**).

- **ACTS 13:2-3 HCSB**

They first ministered to the Lord, then Paul and Barnabas, then the people.

Ministering Involves

- 1.) Praise – **HEB. 13:15** We praise God for what He’s done. We boast on Him.
- 2.) Worship - **REV. 4:10-11** Worship centers on His person. It means to ascribe worth.
- 3.) Communion - **IS. 40:31** To wait means to bind together by twisting. This involves exchanging strengths and absorbing His presence.