

# *Ministerial Development*



*Classroom Hours:* 24 (minimum)

## *Description/Overview:*

Many harbor the dream of ministry in their hearts, but the distance between dream and destination is often fraught with turmoil and confusion. This course is a comprehensive guide to many components of ministerial development and features in-depth exploration into the call, vision, will of God, and practical time management. The student will learn how to successfully travel from dream to destination through the practical application prescribed in this course.

## *Objectives:*

At the end of this course students should be able to:

- 1.) Explain how reaching the lost is the only reason we are on this earth.
- 2.) Emphasize the importance of teaching and training the next generation of ministers.
- 3.) Identify the three phases of the daily climb: life, course, and ministry.
- 4.) List and define the three phases of calling.
- 5.) Categorize the various gifts and roles involved in the fivefold ministry.
- 6.) Describe how to discern, discover, and determine their personal gifting's.
- 7.) Expound upon the importance of the specific will of God for their lives.
- 8.) Establish the necessity of studying God's Word.
- 9.) Summarize the different aspects of a minister's role.
- 10.) Understand the "side effects" (or consequences) of ministry.
- 11.) Summarize how a minister might move from "good" to "great."
- 12.) Strategize various ways to battle and overcome temptation.
- 13.) Illustrate the concept of a blameless life and how to achieve it.

### *Topics / Concepts:*

- The idea that we spend our life as a valuable resource and we need to live out our days with great reverence and care.
- How God has planted the seeds of eternity in our hearts to share with others.
- "Last words" and the profound power they hold.
- Life as an offering to God.
- A person's course or life's race. An assignment from God.
- The four expressions of ministry: to the Lord, to ourselves, to the body, to the world.
- The essentials of those who God calls and how He calls them.
- Ephesians 4:12 as it reveals the goals of the fivefold ministry.
- The individual characteristics of each aspect of the fivefold ministry.
- The fingerprint of God and its manifestation in our lives.
- The will of God as the shortest route to greater results.
- The benefits of receiving counsel as well as guidelines for who should provide it.
- Vision: What it is, why it matters, and how to move towards it.
- Jim George's nine insights on establishing a servant ministry.
- The three gauges (physical, spiritual, emotional) and how to check on them.

*Recommended Primary Textbook(s):*

Ministerial Development – James Gary Poitras

*Recommended Alternatives:*

*Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:*

1. Ministers and Seed of Eternity
2. Ministers and Understanding Life
3. Ministers and the Daily Climb
4. Ministers and Their Calling
5. Ministers and Their Role in the Fivefold Ministry
6. Ministers and Their Gifting
7. Ministers and the Will of God
8. Ministers and Vision
9. Ministers and Side Effects of Biblical Vision and Purpose, Part I
10. Ministers and Side Effects of Biblical Vision and Purpose, Part II
11. Ministers and Moving from Good to Great
12. Ministers and Time Management
13. Ministers and Overcoming Temptation
14. Ministers and the Blameless Life
15. Ministers and Finishing Strong
16. Ministers and Passing the Baton

*Languages Available:*

*Course Packet Resources:*

*Comments:*

*Date of Last Revision:*