

# MINISTRY MODELS

## So You Want to Be in the Ministry

The teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit may take place through (1) illumination of Scripture (1 Cor 2:14), (2) bringing Scriptures to mind through meditation (Jn 14:26), (3) thought implantation, (4) dreams, (5) visions, (6) a voice from afar (Mt 3:17, 17:5), and (7) a voice face to face (Ex 33:11, Dt 34:10). Meditation is slow—learning one step at a time and may take hours. Thought implantation, however, is fast and spectacular—a complex plan comes to mind in toto in just seconds or minutes.

	MOSES	SAMUEL	DAVID (JOSHUA, SAMSON, UZZIAH)	SOLOMON	ASA, HEZEKIAH, JEHOSHAPHAT, JOSIAH	SAUL	CARNALITY	JESUS
MODEL	Deliverer, Shepherd, Teacher, Prophet, Judge, Suffering Servant	Acceptance Ends in Rejection (comp. 1 Sam 8:4–8 with 25:1)	Victory in Spiritual Warfare (1 Sam 25:28; 1 Chr 17:8; 22:18; 23:25)	Peace and Prosperity (1 Kgs 3:13; 1 Chr 22:9; 29:23; 2 Chr 9:20)	Evangelism and Revival (2 Chr 14:4; 15:3–4, 12–15)	Carnal Leader (comp. 1 Sam 11:6 with 16:14)	Programs, Gimmicks, Business Techniques	Deliverer, Teacher, Prophet, Suffering Servant, Spiritual Warfare
GOAL	Prepare Israel for Inheritance and Blessings; Try to Bring the People from Idolatry and Carnality to Faith and Obedience through Testing, Hardship, Discomfort, and Last Minute Saves	Lead the People (1 Sam 7:15–17; 9:15–17; 10:17–25; 15:1–3); Lead in Battle (7:7–13); Deliver from Enemies (12:11); Secure Peace (7:14)	Conquer Enemies (1 Sam 19:8; 2 Sam 7:1, 11); 1 Kgs 5:3; Rule over God's People (2 Sam 5:2, 4; 7:8; 24:17); Make Provisions for God's Temple (1 Chr 28:1–29:22a; 2 Chr 6:8–9)	Enjoy Peace and Prosperity (1 Kgs 4:20–25; 5:4, 11; 9:26–28; 10:6–7, 14–23, 27–29); Build a Temple for God (2 Chr 2:1–10; 3:1–2; 4:19–22; 5:1; 7:1–3; 8:1)	Remove Idolatry and Bring About Revival (Asa, 2 Chr 14:1–16:14; Jehoshaphat, 19:3–4; Hezekiah, 29–31; Josiah, 34:14–35:19)	Judge (1 Sam 8:19–20); Conquer Enemies (8:20; 9:16; 14:47–48); Kill David (19:1–5; 20:31–33; 24:11)	Numbers, Money, and Success in the Flesh through False Doctrine, Ritual, and Entertainment	Establish Kingdom of God on Earth (Mt 4:17; 10:7; 12:28; 21:43); Receive All Authority (28:18); Seek and to Save (Lk 19:10); Give His Life a Ransom for Many (Mt 20:28)
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE	Not Really Loved or Appreciated; Would Have Rejected Him as Their Leader but God Didn't Allow It; Most Are Saved, but Carnal; Only Two Good People—Joshua and Caleb; Moses Received and Taught Much Revelation, but Few Were Interested; Israel Just Wanted Food, Water, Safety, Ease, and Comfort; No Faith; Failed Every Test and Died the Sin unto Death (Num 14:33; Dt 1:32, 35). Second Generation Was Better: They Listened, Obeyed, Had Faith, Pleas'd God, and Inherited the Promised Land (1:39; 4:4–9; Josh 1:16–18; 2:24)	Loved and Respected by All (1 Sam 7:8; 8:4–5; 15:30; 25:1; 28:3, 15) but Rejected as their Leader (8:7); Feared by the People (12:18; 16:4)	Very Highly Valued (2 Sam 18:3; 21:17)); Loyal (2 Sam 15:15, 21, 24; 1 Chr 12:33); Praise (1 Sam 29:3, 6, 9); Fame (18:30; 1 Chr 14:17a); Honor (29:28); Glory (2 Sam 7:9); Popular (1 Sam 22:2; 2 Sam 23:15–17; 1 Chr 12:22); Liked by All (2 Sam 3:36); Loved (1 Sam 18:16, 22; 19:1); Recognized that God Helps Him ("Indeed, your God helps you" 1 Chr 12:18); Feared by His Enemies (14:17b)	Blessed Solomon (1 Kgs 8:66); Blessed God for Solomon (2 Chr 2:11–12); Removed Evil-doers at the Beginning of His Reign to Establish His Kingdom 1 Kgs 2); Praised (10:6–9); Popular (10:24); Feared (3:28); Obedient (1 Chr 29:23–24); All the Kings of the Earth Flocked to Him for Wisdom (2 Chr 9:23–24); Astonished ("she was breathless" 9:3–4)	Great Riches and Honor (2 Chr 17:5; 32:27–29); Feared by Enemies (17:10–12; 20:29); Peace (14:7; 15:5–6; 20:30); Follow Jehoshaphat's Lead in Worship (20:18–22); Follow Hezekiah's Faith (32:8); All Nations Exalt Hezekiah (32:23); Honor Hezekiah at His Death (32:33); Jeremiah and All Judah Mourned for Josiah (35:24–25)	Wanted a King (1 Sam 8:5); Liked Him because He Was Tall and Handsome (9:2; 10:22–24) and Won Battles (11:6–15; 14:23; 15:7); Some Opposition (10:27); Loved (2 Sam 1:23–24); Slaughter of Gibeonites Avenged (21:1–9)	Like Ears Scratched (2 Tim 4:3); Accumulate Teachers according to Their Own Desires (2 Tm 4:3–4; Rv 2:20–23); Immorality (1 Cor 5:1, 11; Rv 2:20–23); Deeds of the Flesh (Gal 5:19–21); Factions (1 Cor 11:18–19); Carnality (3:3)	Many Believed (Mt 8:10; 9:8; 16:16; 21:9, 46; Mk 5:25–34; 15:43; Jn 2:23; 7:40–43; 10:42; 11:45) but the Jewish Leaders Rejected Jesus (Mt 12:23–24; Mk 10:33–34; Lk 19:39; Jn 7:12; 11:47–54; 19:15; Acts 4:8–12), so the Offer of the Kingdom (Mt 3–12) Was Withdrawn (21:43) and Postponed (13–28; 24:14; 25:34) because Its Coming Was Conditioned upon the Willing Acceptance and Submission of the Sanhedrin and Jewish Leaders to the King of the Jews (Mk 15:2)
LEADERSHIP STYLE	Passive: Wait for God to Command or Move; Be Patient; Make No Initiatives of His Own; Bound by Carnal People; Nothing He Could Do; Stuck in the Wilderness with Them for Forty Years (Dt 29:2–6; cf. Josh 5:6)	Circuit Judge (1 Sam 7:15–17); Prophet (9:27; 10:2–9); Intercessor and Teacher (12:23); Honest and Just (8:3; 12:3–5)	Power of the Spirit (1 Sam 16:13; Ps 51:11); Not Self-Seeking (1 Sam 26:23); Faith (17:37, 45–47); Wise (18:30); Humble (2 Sam 6:22); Compassion (12:6); Just and Righteous (8:15); Kind and Generous (9:1–13)	Type of Christ's Millennial Rule: Love for God (1 Kgs 3:3); Rules with Wisdom (3:12, 28; 4:29–34); Builds Temple (5:5; 8:20); Godly (8:54–61); Canaanite Forced Labor (9:20–22); Builder of Cities (2 Chr 8:4–6); King of Kings (9:26)	Remove Idols (2 Chr 14:3, 5; 15:8, 16; 17:6; 34:1–8); Command Obedience (14:4; 15:12–15); Teach People (17:9); Appoint Judges (19:5–10); Rely on God (14:11; cf. 16:7–9, 12; 20:1–13; 32:7–8; 2 Kgs 18:5–6; 20:1–7)	Jealous (1 Sam 18:7–9); Fickle (18:10–11); Disobedient (13:7–14; 15:11); Futile Effort (24:1–22; 26:21); Turned to Occult (28:6–14; 1 Chr 10:13–14)	Self-Serving (Ezk 34:1–10); Lord It over the People (Mt 20:25; cf. 2 Cor 1:24)	Shepherd (Jn 10:7–16); Teacher/Rabbi (1:38; 3:2; 13:13); Example (13:15; 1 Pt 2:21); Servant (Mk 9:35; Jn 13:3–17); Lord (Mt 12:8; 21:3; Lk 6:46; Jn 12:26); Messiah (Mt 16:15–16)
SUCCESS OR FAILURE	Apparent Failure: Unable to Teach Israel to Be Obedient, Have Faith, Pass Tests, and Enter the Land (Heb 3:19; 4:1–11)	Apparent Failure: Rejected as the Leader of Israel (1 Sam 8:7–8)	Success When They Were Obedient (Josh 1:7–8; 1 Sam 16:18; 18:5, 14–15; 2 Sam 3:1; 5:10; 2 Chr 26:4–15)	Success, Peace, and Prosperity When He Walked with God (1 Kgs 3:13; 6:12–13; 11:14–40; 1 Chr 29:23, 25; 2 Chr 1:1)	Success When They Walked with God (2 Kgs 18:3–8; 19:20; 2 Chr 14–16; 17:3–9; 31:20–21; 32:27–30)	Failure When He Disobeyed (1 Sam 15:28; 16:1; 26:10; 28:15–19)	Success or Failure Determined by Popularity	Apparent Failure (Is 49:4; Mt 21:43; Jn 19:16) but Accomplished All God Wanted Him To Do (Jn 17:4; 19:28)
GOD'S OPINION OF THEM	Friend (Ex 33:11); "My Servant" (Num 12:8); Faithful in All His House (Heb 3:2, 5); Listed in the Hall of Faith (Heb 11:24–28)	Mentioned in the Same Breath with Moses (Jer 15:1) and Listed in the Hall of Faith (Heb 11:32)	Man after God's Heart (1 Sam 13:14; Acts 13:22) and Obedient All the Days of His Life Except Bathsheba Affair (2 Sam 11:27; 22:21–25; 1 Kgs 11:4, 6; 15:5)	Pleas'd (1 Kgs 3:10; 2 Chr 1:7–12) Then Angry in His Old Age because His Wives Turned His Heart Away to Idols (1 Kgs 11:4–13)	God Was with Asa (2 Chr 15:2, 9), Hezekiah (2 Kgs 18:7), and Jehoshaphat (2 Chr 17:3–4); Josiah's Heart Was Tender and Humble (34:27)	Rejected as King of Israel (1 Sam 15:26–28; 16:7); Silence (28:6, 15); Adversary (28:16)	Please Men Instead of Pleasing God (Gal 1:10); Unfruitful (Lk 8:14)	Well-Pleas'd (Mt 3:17; 17:5; Mk 1:11; Lk 3:22); Beloved Son (Mk 9:7; Jn 3:35; 5:20; 10:17); Faithful (Heb 3:1–2, 6)