

## My Philosophy of Ministry

2 Timothy 4:1-5 I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup> Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; <sup>4</sup> and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. <sup>5</sup> But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Faith:</u></b></p> <p>Romans 10:17 So then faith <i>comes</i> by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.</p> <p><b><u>Positives:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Word orientation vs. experiences (Some people base their doctrine on their experiences)</li> <li>• Teaching emphasis</li> <li>• Teaches who we are in Christ-The righteousness of God</li> <li>• Challenges Body of Christ to walk by faith and not by sight</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Abuses:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hyper faith - Beyond the word - presumption (People do stupid, dangerous things in the name of faith)</li> <li>• Pride-Arrogance</li> </ul> <p>1 Corinthians 8:1 Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.</p> <p><b><u>Love connection:</u></b></p> <p>Galatians 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Prophetic/Revival:</u></b></p> <p>1 Corinthians 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit <i>of all</i>:</p> <p><b><u>Positives:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takes God out of the box and stirs up gifts that are dormant</li> <li>• Hearing God's voice afresh - Rhema words</li> <li>• Bold faith - Birthed from Later rain movement</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Abuses:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unscriptural manifestations - lying signs and wonders, false angels, Prophets &amp; Apostles</li> <li>• Deception &amp; spiritual witchcraft (false leadings &amp; controlling prophecies)</li> <li>• Doctrines based on movements, manifestations - not the word</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Love connection:</u></b></p> <p>1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.</p> <p>1 Corinthians 14:1 Pursue love, and desire spiritual <i>gifts</i>, but especially that you may prophesy.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Grace:</u></b></p> <p>Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; <i>it is</i> the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast.</p> <p><b><u>Positives:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Puts &amp; keeps the positive in the gospel</li> <li>• Freely received, not of works - provides freedom from legalism</li> </ul> <p>James 2:13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows the way to overcome sin and receive Inner healing</li> </ul> <p>Romans 5:20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,</p> <p><b><u>Abuses:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• License to sin - Compromise - Anything goes lifestyle</li> <li>• False doctrines:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Once saved, always saved</li> <li>◦ Universalism = everyone will be saved. There is no hell</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Some abuse grace teaching as justification for lack of discipline, accountability and submission to authority</li> </ul> <p>Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?</p> <p><b><u>Love connection:</u></b></p> <p>Ephesians 2:4-7 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised <i>us</i> up together, and made <i>us</i> sit together in the heavenly <i>places</i> in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Holiness:</u></b></p> <p>James 2:18-26 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! <sup>20</sup> But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? <sup>22</sup> Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? <sup>23</sup> And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "<i>Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.</i>" And he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. <sup>25</sup> Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent <i>them</i> out another way? <sup>26</sup> For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.</p> <p><b><u>Positives:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conviction for sin</li> <li>• Accountability</li> <li>• Forerunner of charismatic movement - John Wesley (Holiness Clubs), Charles Finney</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Abuses:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perfectionism</li> <li>• Legalism-works based</li> <li>• Judgmental - can develop a religious spirit</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Love connection:</u></b></p> <p>Proverbs 27:5 Open rebuke <i>is</i> better than love carefully concealed.</p> <p>Ephesians 4:15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—</p>



### **Points of balance:**

3 John 3-4 For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth *that is* in you, just as you walk in the truth. <sup>4</sup> I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

- All the movements balance each other. They are all right. I have learned to embrace all these movements and respect what God is doing in each camp. We need to be careful not to put down what God is doing.
- Grace needs holiness and holiness needs grace. Faith needs revival and revival needs faith.
- These should be operating in our lives even if we are in one camp = true balance.
- God brings emphasis during revival and can seem to be off balanced. The other truths and movements bring it into balance.
- Some truths seem to contradict, but in truth they work together.
- Just because there is abuse we should not abandon established truths that are needed in the Body of Christ.
- All function in their best when love is at the center of their motivation.

Revelation is like the sides of a mountain. It may look different from alternating angles, but it is the same mountain.

