

Ministering Levels

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	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
	CONTACT (Good)	CONNECT (Better)	CONVERT (Best)
What is my purpose or goal of ministering?	Obedience: “I will go and do” (1 Ne. 3:7)	Administer: I will get the job done (D&C 107:20)	I will minister “one to another” (3 Ne. 26:19)
Who do I represent as a minister?	Myself	Bishop; Elder’s and Relief Society President	“agents...on the Lord’s errand” (D&C 64:29)
How do I accomplish my ministering?	I am very efficient: email, text, social media	I am efficient but more effective: call or quick visit	Effective: dedicated visits, preferably in their home
What is the scriptural mandate at this level?	“Watch over the church always” (D&C 20:53)	“be with and strengthen them” (D&C 20:53)	“invite all to come unto Christ” (D&C 20:59)
Why do I minister?	I am “an hireling, and not the shepherd” (John 10:12–13)	I am a “good shepherd, and know my sheep” (John 10:14)	“I lay down my life for the sheep” (John 10:15)
What do I know about my families?	Superficial: I know just the basics of my families.	Social: I know things about them—job, friends, etc.	Spiritual, emotional: I know feelings, challenges, etc.
What is the “love level” of my ministering?	Xenia Love (Greek): hospitable, acquaintance	Philia Love (Greek): friendship, brotherly love	Agape: “Charity is the pure love of Christ” (Moro. 7:47)
Do I pray for my assigned families by name?	Probably not	Now and then, when they have needs	Yes. Daily. And I listen for ministering guidance.
How do I serve my families?	Reactive: I wait until the family or my leaders ask.	Observant: I wait until I see an obvious need.	Proactive: I look for opportunities to serve.
What do my leaders and the Lord want to know?	Do I regularly contact my families?	How do I connect with my families?	How have I helped convert my families?
What do I say to my RS or EQ presidency?	I contacted them or sincerely attempted.	We connected in person or using technology.	I know my sheep. I know their needs.
Who do I minister to?	Only my assigned families	Other ward members in need (Luke 10:23–37)	“...love thy neighbour as thyself” (Mark 12:31)

Everything you need to know about ministering in one scripture:

“Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets” (Matthew 22:36–40).

