

**Acts 1-10: God's Blueprint for Ministry in the Church
Having an Effective Personal Ministry
Acts 9:31-43 (page 763)**

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Being engaged in the mission of the church means that I am to be:

- **Available to God for ministry (v 32, 38)**
 - My availability is *more important* than my ability
 - Availability requires evaluating what is really important
- **Sensitive to the Holy Spirit to lead me in His purposes (vs 33,39)**
 - My sensitivity to the Spirit is *more important* than my schedule
 - Sensitivity to God means being in continuous communication with Him
- **Dependent upon the power of Jesus Christ to do His work (vs 34,40)**
 - Dependency on Jesus means I realize it is by His power, not my own, that things happen
 - Dependency requires that I stay close to Him and stay clean.
- **Obedient so that the spread of the good news of Jesus is unhindered (vs 35, 42)**
 - Obedience requires stepping outside my "comfort zone"
 - Obedience to God allows Jesus to be seen by others

Bring it home...

Which of these four areas do I struggle with the most as I go through each day? What can I do to begin to change in that area?

Being honest, in my day to day living, how high of a priority is the mission of the church in my life? Is that where God would want it to be? How can I think differently about that?

When is the last time that your obedience to God caused another or others to openly acknowledge Jesus Christ?

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