

Tribute

Week #2: Ministry

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"It's Not About You"

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- Colossians 1:11-14 - *"...being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."*

Points to Ponder

- 1) When we pay tribute to those who serve in the ministry, what (or better said who) is it that we always need to remember is it really about? Why is that so important to remember both for those in the ministry and the members of a congregation?
- 2) The devil so easily can tempt us think that our accomplishments (no matter what the vocation we have) is about us. Why is it so dangerous if those in the ministry fall prey to this? Why is it dangerous for any of us in our vocation or calling whatever it is?
- 3) The Apostle Paul says that the ultimate tribute a pastor can receive is that he knew nothing but Christ crucified during his ministry. Agree or Disagree and why?

Homework: