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## Perceived The Grace

*Galatians 2:9 - James, Cephas (Peter) and John, those esteemed as pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcised.*

# GRACE

We have all been given a certain grace. As ministers we have a "grace" that has been given to us for the sake of expanding and maturing His Church. This grace carries with it an enormous responsibility to fulfil the Great Commandment and Great Commission.

The above Scripture illustrates that different ministers had a different grace. In regards to Paul, he had a ministry grace to the Gentiles and Peter had a special grace to the Jews. A further look at the Leadership of the early church would indicate a various "graces" operating through them.

Some have the grace to be an Evangelist and some a Teacher etc. A wise leader will do their best to identify the grace on a person's life and fit them where they can be most effective. I have at times realised after the fact, that a certain person was not graced for a particular area of ministry in which I had placed them, and they became a bottleneck to the function of the church and ministry, and a frustration to themselves.

Perceiving their grace before being given a position is by far the best practice. The first and biblical way to determine a person's grace is by their fruit. Another "pocket book guide" to understanding a person's grace is to see what they do as an everyday job. A person who has very

little interaction with people in their job can indicate their grace for working with people in ministry is not high. They may be suited and graced for a different purpose.

Importantly as well, you should know yourself. What is the grace on your own life and as Paul said, don't think of yourself too highly. Have a right estimation and enlist the counsel of a straight talking insightful minister to tell you the truth in love.

It may just save your ministry and that of others.

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## From the Office

### Ministry Accounts

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