



*Come, let's talk this over, says the Lord; no matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can take it out and make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are stained as red as crimson, I can make you white as wool!*

**Isaiah 1:18 (LB)**

- My walk with God and my work for God go together.

*It is he who saved us and chose us for his holy work not because we deserved it but because that was his plan long before the world began...*

**2 Timothy 1:9a (LB)**

#### **4 Signs Of Ministry Entropy:**

##### **1. My desire to serve God drops.**

*Let us not become weary in doing good...*

**Galatians 6:9 (NIV)**

*My heart pounds, my strength fails me, even the gleam in my eye is gone.*

**Psalms 38:10 (ISV)**

##### **2. I overlook the purpose of my ministry.**

*"Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You are not thinking about the things God cares about. Instead, you are thinking only about the things humans care about."*

**Mark 8:33 (NIRV)**

##### **3. I am passionate about something else.**

*Demas left me. He loved the things of this world...*

**2 Timothy 4:10a (NLV)**

##### **4. I forget who I am serving.**

*We belong to Christ so that we can be used in service to God.*

**Romans 7:4b (ERV)**

*My brothers and sisters, God chose you to be free. But don't use your freedom as an excuse to do what pleases your sinful selves. Instead, serve each other with love.*

**Galatians 5:13 (ERV)**

#### **What do I do when I experience ministry entropy?**

##### **1. Recharge my faith in God for ministry.**

*Let us not become weary in doing good...*

**Galatians 6:9 (NIV)**

*Stay excited about your faith as you serve the Lord.* **Romans 12:11 (NIRV)**

- I read God's Word and I render God's Work.

##### **2. Recalibrate my motives for ministry.**

*... live as God's slaves.*

**1 Peter 2:16b (NIV)**

- My 'why' behind my 'what' matters to God.

*Be careful not to do your good works in public in order to attract attention. If you do, your Father in heaven will not reward you.* **Matthew 6:1 (NOG)**

- The most powerful motive in ministry is Gratitude.

*Because of God's great mercy... Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service.* **Romans 12:1 (GNT)**

##### **3. Remember that God rewards ministry.**

*Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up.*

**Galatians 6:9 (CEV)**

*For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.*

**Hebrews 6:10 (NLT)**

*A person of blessing will be enriched, and he who gives water also will be refreshed.*

**Proverbs 11:25 (LEB)**

##### **4. Reinvest my life in ministry.**

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

**Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)**

*I know what you do. You work hard, and you never give up... <sup>5</sup> Change your hearts and do what you did at first.*

**Revelation 2:2,5 (ICB)**

*So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other.*

**1 Peter 4:10b (ICB)**