

# A Minister Who Will Tirelessly Labour for the Church

## Colossians 01:24–29

**1** *A minister  
who will willingly suffer  
for the church*

24 Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you,  
and I fill up in my flesh  
what is still lacking  
in regard to Christ's afflictions,  
for the sake of his body,  
which is the church.

**2** *A minister  
who has been chosen by God  
to proclaim the Word of God*

25 I have become its servant  
by the commission God gave me  
to present to you  
the word of God in its fullness —

**3** *A minister  
who will share  
the great mystery of God —  
“Christ in you,  
the hope of glory”*

26 The mystery that has been kept hidden  
for ages and generations,  
but is now disclosed to the saints.

27 To them God has chosen  
to make known among the Gentiles  
the glorious riches of this mystery,  
which is Christ in you,  
the hope of glory.

**4** *A minister  
who will preach Christ  
and will warn  
and teach every man*

28 We proclaim him,  
admonishing and teaching everyone  
with all wisdom,  
so that we may present everyone  
perfect in Christ.

**5** *A minister  
who will labour and work —  
strive laboriously,  
depending upon Christ  
for energy*

29 To this end I labour,  
struggling with all his energy,  
which so powerfully works in me.