

**Identity Theft Sermon Series:
Part 1 – Being Ordained into Service**

Sermon Summary

You are Ordained into Christ – The focus of this message will center around the concept of being ordained into the Body of Christ or commissioned by the Savior to carry out His will. We will focus on the aspects of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

Four Marks of a Man of God

Mark #1 – A Man of God is Known by What He Flees From

- **1 John 2:15-17**
- **Flee from Ungodliness**
- **Key Point** – The first mark of a Christian helps the audience examine the basic principle that we are to flee from ungodliness yet only with the motivation and pursuit of moving our lives to be centered on Godliness. Many times we may give something up for a short time, relying on our own strength to achieve ultimate victory but in the end we fall short of victory because we relied on human strength and not God's ultimate strength.

Mark #2 – A Man of God is Known by What He Follows After

- **1 Corinthians 9:24-27**
- **Pursue Holiness**
- **Key Point** – The second mark of a follower of Christ is that they will choose to pursue Christ with great zeal and passion, leaving behind them the lust of their past life.

Mark #3 – A Man of God is Known by What He Fights For

- **2 Timothy 4:7**
- **Fight for the Cause of Christ**
- **Key Point** – The third mark that we examine deals with understanding what we are truly fighting for when we enter into the "Good Fight." Many Christians believe that accepting Christ as their Savior is simply what it means to enter into this fight yet they never move beyond that confession. They walk into the warfare with no weapons and completely vulnerable to Satan's attack and many fall away from their faith.

Mark #4 – A Man of God is Known by What He is Faithful To

- **Revelation 2:8-11**
- **Faithful to the Everlasting Father**
- **Key Point** – The last mark of a Christian simply reminds us that we are not to be faithful merely to the idea of God as our Father and Jesus as our Savior but we are to live as if Jesus is both Lord and Savior.

Memory Verse

1 Timothy 6:12 – Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Challenge

Continue with the 90 Day Challenge and begin praying that God will strengthen your walk with Him as you begin to claim your identity in Christ as a Child of God.



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