

Your Ministry ?



To help church members see how important their role in the church is, ask them to raise their hands in response to this sequence of questions during a sermon. “How many of you came to Christ through the direct influence of a TV ministry? A radio program? A book? A pastor? A family member or friend?” Very few hands will go up until you ask about a family member or friend. This will help them to visibly see the importance of their role as a “minister.” Their influence for Christ can be much greater than the pastor. According to the Church Growth Institute: **six out of every one hundred visitors to the church result from traditional organised visitation programs.** Eighty-six out of one hundred visitors come at the invitation of a **friend or relative.** Of four thousand new converts who were surveyed, 75 percent indicated they were in church because they had been invited by a **relative or friend.**

* Total Church Life, Darrell Robinson, 1985; Leighton Ford, Leighton Ford Evangelism Leadership Seminar 1991; Church Growth Newsletter, Vol. 2 No.1, p. 1-3 - Picture: astronauts

Calling Mission Control



During the Apollo missions to the moon, the spaceships were off course more than 90 percent of the time. Yet, through continual communication with Mission Control they were able to make necessary corrections. In our

journey through life, we too are off course most of the time. By staying in constant contact with God we can correct our course, stay headed in the right direction, and succeed in our mission.

* Peak Performers, Charles Garfield, 1987, p. 294 - use of articles does not imply association



Lord, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff, And nudge me when I've said enough!



A businessman wanted to send a floral arrangement to a friend who was opening a new branch office. His friend called later in the day to thank him for the considerate gesture but was a little confused about the accompanying card which read, “Rest in Peace.” The businessman apologized for the mix-up and quickly called to chastise the florist. The florist tried to console the executive. He said, “That's nothing. Somewhere in the cemetery there's a bouquet with a note reading, ‘Good luck in your new location.’”