

Student Monthly Journal- October and November 2017

As I approach the final days of this internship, reflecting on the experience and knowledge I have gained in this ministry has equipped and empowered me as a godly leader. Moreover, I have been solely trusted to manage this children's ministry, with forty or more kids in attendance, ranging from four to thirteen, and at times some teens. When I first, encountered this situation, I was faced with challenges that called forth, the spiritual authority and wisdom of God to stir up the gifts within me.

With that being said, it truly was the gifts and fruits of the Spirit operating at these times. Surely, faith manifested, and enabled me to delegate worship through the power of the Holy Spirit leading me to creatively teach the children of various ages, while overseeing breaks and snacks, at the same time! I must say leadership was flowing from love, joy, gentleness, goodness, patience, and definitely self-control. As I reflect on this assignment, I am more humbled by the process of the purpose of God, equipping me through serving children, to mature me in my capacity to be discerning and giving, while encouraging His children, no matter the age.

Although, my past concerns have expressed the need for teaching and training our teens. I am glad to report, that the youth ministry is being revamped. In addition, parents are still troubled with their children's disrespectful behavior. However, I am observing some positive changes in the children, due to lessons regarding family values being taught, resonating the love of God in the hearts of parents, bringing their children to church, so that they all can learn to have affectionate relationship with God and each other. Overall, the "Godly Leader," principles and character exhortation taught, I believe were the divine gifts and skills, God designed to equip me for ministry. Therefore, I am truly grateful for the shaping, while serving the little children in this ministry, preparing me to minister to them all in greater works to glorify, God.