Individual Christians The fundamental ministry is that of baptized individuals. When we understand our work as an expression of our God-given gifts and an offering to the people around us, everything from preparing food to building houses, teaching, or mending damaged hearts—both physically and spiritually—can be seen as ministry. The fact that we do most of our work with other people makes it "mutual ministry," whether it takes place as part of a church program, in our homes, or at our secular jobs. Doing such a review is like finding your bearings in a wilderness—it helps you find out where you are before planning your way out. As each cycle is considered, the phases will become clearer and will illuminate more about your congregation's life. 3. Individual ministry is both general and specific. We have just demonstrated that New Testament ministry includes a broad spectrum of services. Having shown this, we must go on to point out that every Christian has two spheres of ministry. The New Testament thus speaks of ministry in a specific sense as well as in a broad sense. Every Christian is responsible to minister to others in a wide range of services. But in addition, each Christian has a very special and specific ministry for which the Spirit of God has uniquely equipped him, and to which the Lord directs him. A more restricted kind of ministry can be seen in the following passages. A. In 1 Peter 4:10, Peter identifies a person's ministry with the exercise of their particular spiritual gift.