

Priesthood of believer / scripture –

Every Christian is personally responsible to God to:

- 1. Pray daily and directly to God**
- 2. Study the scriptures and pray for revelation / application**
- 3. Receive and develop spiritual gifts to serve others**
- 4. Attend, fellowship, sing, give, provide, teach, witness, help others**

Matt 23:8,9 “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹ And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. ¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV): *"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."*

Heb 4:15,16 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

1 Peter 5:3 - Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.