

The Answer is Yes and No

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One could say my family's business is Church.
We have music worship leaders,
hospitality coordinators,
and sound technicians.

One of my favorite parts of Church,
is helping to lead worship.
Call to Worships,
Invocations,
Special music done by the choir,
Benedictions.



People have asked me,
are you sure you don't want to be a Minister?
I have wondered that question,
but I believe the answer is yes,
I don't want to be a Minister,
at least for this chapter of my life.

Worship is not about me.
It is not about my gifts.
It is not about what I bring to the Table.

It is about God.
It is about lifting the Body of Christ.
It is about coming together in a world that is split in so many ways.

I think it is easy to get in the mindset that worship cannot go on without me.
Whoever the one or two that is paid to be there on Sunday mornings.
The one who is thought of to have more experience, more power.

So what do I do from here?
I focus on the part that I do play in the worship service.
I use my time and energy to do the best I know how,
and I look for the gifts God has given in others who serve right beside me.

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