Ministry vs. Job?

Some people have a job in the church.
Others invite themselves into a ministry.

What’s the difference you ask?
If you are doing it just because no one else will, it’s a job.
If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it’s a ministry.
If you quit because someone criticized you, it’s a job.
If you keep on serving, it’s a ministry.
If you’ll do it as long as it does not interfere with your other activities, it’s a job.
If you are committed to staying even if it means letting go of other things, it’s a ministry.
If you quit because no one thanked you or praised you, it’s a job.
If you stick with it even though no one recognized your efforts, it’s a ministry.

It’s hard to get excited about a job.
It’s almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry.

If your concern is success, it’s a job.
If your concern is faithfulness and service, it’s a ministry.
If God calls you to a ministry, don’t treat it like a job!

LORD, strengthen your servants and move us to a true sense of ministry and service, through your grace and mercy. AMEN.