

How to be an effective leader and foster effective leaders in the 21st century

What is a leader?

Government is the structure that governors govern in, and leadership is the art of governing.

How to develop government:

1. Government is developed around who's leading
2. Who are you leading
3. What season are you leading in?

The Essence of Leadership

1. Leadership is about going somewhere.
 - a. If you don't know where you are going, how will you know it when you get there?
2. Leadership is about taking other people where you are going.
 - a. A leader is a person with a God given responsibility to influence a specific group of people to achieve a God given-end or destiny.
 - b. If you think you are a leader and no one with, you are not leading, you are just taking a walk.

The Church is in a quandary today. Instead of leading, we are spending more time worried about being relevant. By sheer nature, to be relevant is to be a follower.

Here is the key: When you are leading you are relevant – you are setting the pace.

If not, they you are relegated to being a reflection or echo.

The Goal of Leadership

1. A leader should never only point to himself/herself or elevate himself/herself: They should always point to and elevate Christ.
2. Create an environment of Leaders.

- a. Only insecure leaders create an environment of followers.
- b. Followers are impotent. Followers don't beget followers.
 - i. Followers never really mature to the point to where they can reproduce.

The Traps of Leadership

1. The greatest trap for a leader is the need to be needed: Jesus had no need to be needed – that is why the enemy couldn't manipulate him.
 - a. You cannot be promoted, if you cannot be replaced.
 - b. Learn to work yourself out of a job.
2. The second greatest trap is to elevate yourself above your vision.
 - a. They began to believe the hype.
3. The third greatest trap is the thought that they can and have to do everything themselves.
 - a. Moses thought he had to do everything by himself.
4. The fourth greatest trap is in order to build up your ministry; you have to tear someone else's down.
 - a. Absalom Principle
 - i. He stood outside the gate to torn down the king to elevate himself.
 - ii. He would grow his hair (glory and anointing), then cut it, then grow it again. Symbolizing that he cherished his anointing.
 - iii. The thing he cherished, wound up being his downfall.
5. The fifth-greatest trap is to have the vision die when they die.

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- a. There is no true success, unless there is a successor.

Keys to Effective Leadership in the 21st Century

1. Undeniable Experience with God.
 - a. Ex. 3
 - b. Acts 1.1-4

An undeniable experience is an event in your past, which will help you reach your future.

Nothing will ever stand between your God beliefs and your God blessings.

God only talks to people who have the authority to carry it out.

2. Character above charisma
 - a. Ps. 78.72

Your level of anointing is tied to your character.

King Saul was anointed with a flask (man made); yet King David was anointed with a horn (God made).

3. Faith in God
 - a. Heb. 11.6

Every leader must ask himself or herself, do I have enough to get what I need. If you don't believe in your ministry no one else won't.

What a leader has doesn't belong to him; it comes out of the promise land, to show you the provision of the promise land.

Faith is acting on the know how of God.

- b. 2 reasons why we need faith
 - i. If you don't have faith, you won't let go of what was, in order that you can have what is to be.

- ii. Some people are afraid of letting go of what they have because they don't know if something better can take its place.
 1. God will use adversity to move you where you voluntarily won't go.

You can't birth what you've conceived in any place, it has to be birthed in the right place.

When God gets ready to birth a future, he begins by birthing a relationship.

Failure is not defined by falling, but by staying down.

Failure is not an event, just an opinion.

4. Purpose
 - a. 3 John 2
 - b. Mark 16. 15-20

Purpose is a lifetime.

When purpose is unknown, then life is just an experiment.

We were born to manifest something already finished in the mind of God.

- c. God doesn't create failures.
 - i. Eph. 2.10
 - ii. He doesn't need our work, he needs us to discover the work he has already put in us.

5. Vision

Unlike purpose, which is for a lifetime; vision is seasonal. It will always tie back into your purpose.

- a. Vision is not an idea.

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- b. Vision is a clear picture of what you see yourself doing by the grace of God.
- c. Your vision has to be bigger than what you can do on your own.
- d. God doesn't have anything that is small and he doesn't make (a) change.

6. Plan

- a. Proverbs 16.9

There are two necessities to having a good plan

- i. We have to have the ability to discern our present season/ Time
 - 1. Ecc.. 3.1
 - 2. 2 Chron. 16.32
 - 3. Isa. 42.9-10
- ii. We have to have courage to act.
 - 1. No one needs courage to do what they've already done. Courage is to do what you haven't done.
 - a. Luke 5
 - i. Do the right thing at the right time.
 - b. John 21
 - i. Do the right thing in the right place.
 - 2. When we act on our plan, it will bring change.

How do Purpose, Vision and Plan work together?

Titus 1.5

Paul's purpose was to preach to the Gentiles. In this particular case, he has a vision for the Cretins that they not lack, and his plan is to send Titus.

For Titus, his purpose is to minister Cretins, and bring order. So we could say this: Paul's vision is Titus' purpose.

When we have all three, Purpose, Vision and Plan all working in alignment, it will allow for forward motion, not just a movement.

Your leader needs you for purpose; you need a leader for provision.

7. Prayer

We have to remove ourselves from the typical concept that prayer is talking to God. Prayer is communicating with God.

Communication goes beyond simply talking, but involves listening.

If you are going to succeed in ministry, you must learn how to pray.

Our greatest asset is in our ability to hear from God.

God will never give you anything that makes Him unnecessary.

God doesn't answer prayer on the basis of convenience, but on the basis of calling. When God answers your prayers, it is based upon eternity.

Prayer is faith talking to God.

God is bigger than my problem

No problem can rule out a miracle from God

Asking and praying are different things.

God never says no to himself.

8. Partners

- a. Luke 5
- b. Isa.43.4

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- c. Two levels of Partnership:
 - i. Father
 - 1. **The greatest tragedy of a leader is that he tries to mentor himself.**
 - 2.
 - ii. Mentee

You can't get the right places using the wrong people.

Your connection determined your direction.

You want to connect with people who can lift you when you are down.

You need partners who are willing to risk what they have to be a reward to what you don't have.

Any one who doesn't contribute to your goal doesn't qualify to be your supporter.

9. Grace

We are going to need a lot of grace, because we are going to make a lot of mistakes.

Grace is the gateway for your miracle.

God uses grace to use people who have a past.

MERCY – When God catches you with your hand in the cookie jar, and lets you keep the cookie.

The only way you can coast in life is when you are going downhill.

God reveals what he believes by what he says. And what he believes, he doesn't change.
Abraham's behavior (lying to pharaoh) didn't disqualify God's belief and opinion of him.