

HEALTHY LEADERSHIP

The highest proportion of our success in accomplishing God's purpose depends on the success of our relationships. Our authority as leaders is not based on our title or position but our genuine love for people! To the degree of love that we have for God's people is the degree of authority we will have over them! Those following must feel that they are important people and not just numbers or resources for the means of achieving a goal.

Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but for the interests of others Phil 2:4 Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends Jhn 15:13

To love people unconditionally doesn't come easy. But it is learnt! It requires effort and dedication. In my observation, the true success of any ministry or business is based upon the leaders love for the people.

One of the keys to unlocking and securing a person is by installing in them that they are important and make a difference to the life flow of the organization. In fact everyone rises to new heights when made to feel that they are significant. When a leader told me that he believed in me and backed it up; I started to do things I formerly feared!

Let nothing be done thru selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others BETTER THAN HIMSELF Phil 2:3.

DON'T PUT PEOPLE IN THE TOO HARD BASKET

If we look at the 12 disciples (JC's first church) we can identify 12 personality types that are in any ministry or business today. From Judas, a self centered money hungry individual, to Bi-polar Peter-Promising Jesus everything and more than often failing to deliver. Yet Jesus loved them unconditionally and didn't place them into the "too hard basket." There are lessons there for us to learn in relation to the way we interact and journey with "the hard ones."

I'm not in any way advocating we continue to 'go the extra mile' for those not willing to embrace change. But rather, we see the hard ones

as an opportunity to grow in our leadership potential. It's easy to lead those that are hungry and willing to embrace our leadership- but harder to relate with those who don't.

Jesus was not moved by people's idiosyncrasies- but rather He moved people. The mark of a good leader is just that-not being moved by the atmosphere that people walk in (mentalities, attitudes...). For this to happen we need the following:

1. His love^[L]_{SEP}
2. His perspective
3. His fortitude to never say never!^[L]_{SEP}

The good news is that you have it- you just need to unlock it in the journey!

'SOME' SIGNS OF A GOOD HEALTHY LEADER

1. Willing & hungry to grow beyond personal limitations.

We rise to the level of our lowest ceiling. Every healthy leader is prepared to work on and grow beyond their limitations.

2. Staying consistent

If we cannot 'rule' our thoughts, feelings and emotions well- we impose a limitation on our ability to lead others. It is paramount for all leaders to stay 'UP' not easily offended and able to rise above the lowest ceiling. Attitudes must be kept healthy by regularly forgiving those who have wronged us. IF we are angry, upset more than normal it could be a sign that we are "hitting our emotional ceiling."

3. Maintaining healthy focus

Perspective is everything. How we view life effects how we engage it! If our perspective is warped or tainted by circumstances, then the circumstances will control us. Normal "kingdom thinking" is believing that all things are possible- Nothing is too hard or too big! Leaders see what others don't see!

4. Maintain a healthy, soul and body

Keeping a healthy body is as important as renewing your mind. After all, if the body stops functioning, your ability to lead is hindered. Exercising and eating right is good fuel for your soul. What is your soul- mind will and emotions feeding on? Crap in crap out!! If you always hang with those lower than you – you won't be challenged to rise! Pay the price at any cost to get around sound leaders and let their lifestyle and character challenge you to change!

These are just some of the “non negotiable” leaders must build into their lives! If you find that some of the above mentioned areas are sticking points in your life then move towards breaking the ceiling...

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