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HOW TO BE A CHURCH OF MAXIMUM INFLUENCE

RIGHTEOUS LEADERSHIP FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE – PROVERBS 29:2

Leadership is integral to any endeavor, particularly to a nation (Proverbs 11:14). Never underestimate the power of leadership. Godly leadership is rooted in righteousness (Proverbs 16:12). When you don't feel like a leader, remember that God has prepared you for leadership. Godly leadership is stabilized in righteousness, and righteousness is its reward (Psalm 37:16-17). Godly leadership must always be led by the LORD—we must rely on God (Psalm 32:8). There are many temptations for leaders, that's why leaders must 'walk in the delight of the LORD' (Psalm 37:3-4). God establishes leadership (Jeremiah 1:5).

THE RELEVANCE OF BEING A CHURCH OF MAXIMUM INFLUENCE

If you are going to be a church of 'maximum influence, and relevance, it is paramount to 'excel in excellence.' Excellence in the Greek is Arete. In its basic sense, arete means excellence of any kind. This belief of excellence was ultimately joined with the notion of the fulfillment of purpose or function: the act of living up to one's full potential. It also meant to aspire to have courage and strength in the face of adversity. Righteousness in its purest sense means to be in 'right standing with God.' Therein is the key for any church if it is to be relevant and successful in ministry. It must be in right standing with God, thus relying upon God.

Your church must have a dynamic leadership team that is cooperating with God to establish a righteous ministry, if it is to be successful in the 21st century. Righteousness gives leaders courage and strength in times of adversity. A righteous reliance upon God embeds within leaders a strong desire to live up to their full potential, as well as understanding the art of working together. Psalm 133:1.

INTRODUCTION

Leaders must guard themselves against corruption (Proverbs 4:23), and live their lives with integrity. As we follow righteousness we essentially are following Christ, which is the type of leadership our community is in desperate need of.

Church growth is not accidental; it is very much on purpose, and it starts with righteous leadership. An estimated 42 million people of African descent reside in this country, and only 4 out of 10, or 16 million attend Church. This class will present material that is guaranteed to attract new converts to your church. Remember, righteous leadership is the key to a church functioning with maximum influence!

WHAT IS A LEADER?

- a. A visionary
- b. One who will go in front and give his or her life for others
- c. A leader is one who influences others
- d. A leader loves people
- e. A leader takes responsibility for his or her life, as well as for others
- f. A leader is a servant (Matt. 20:25-28)
- g. A leader has the ability to stir others to action
- h. A leader has an innate drive to take chances, to move by faith.

WHY BE A LEADER?

- a. We are commanded by Jesus to lead others to Him
- b. We love people
- c. We are led of the Holy Ghost to lead
- d. We believe we have something to give people
- e. We are motivated to make circumstances better!

NEGATIVE MOTIVES FOR LEADERSHIP

- a. Because others are pushing you.
- b. To be important and have authority.
- c. To get recognized.
- d. Or so we will be the boss and no one can tell us what to do.
- e. To build our own self-worth

1. A CHURCH OF MAXIMUM INFLUENCE HAS GREAT LEADERSHIP

- A. Prayer is the key ingredient! We are a spiritual institution; dealing with spiritual matters, therefore prayer must be paramount.
- B. The leaders are well trained and equipped. Ministry in the 21st century is very complex!
- C. Correct placement; everyone stays in his or her lane.
- D. The leaders of churches with maximum influence have accountability.
- E. The leaders have a positive attitude
- F. The churches of maximum influence are administrative strong.

2. A CHURCH OF MAXIMUM INFLUENCE EQUIPS ITS MEMBERS!
 - A. You must understand the importance of discipleship!
 - B. The maximum influence church understands the importance of building up every believer.
 - C. Maximum influence churches have strong lay ministries.

3. A MAXIMUM INFLUENCE CHURCH HAS INFECTIOUS WORSHIP
 - A. The worship is authentic.
 - B. The worship is designed to be inclusive.
 - C. The worship is celebrative.
 - D. The worship is orderly.

4. A MAXIMUM INFLUENCE CHURCH REACHES OUT TO THE LOST IN ITS COMMUNITY (RELATIONSHIPS)
 - A. The community recognizes your presence.
 - B. There is a clear philosophy on evangelism.
 - C. There is clear direction. Who is your target?
 - D. There must be a commitment to winning the lost
 - E. There must be a concerted effort to reach our youth, and target the men.

5. A MAXIMUM INFLUENCE CHURCH HAS A STRONG SENSE OF FAMILY
 - A. You must develop a strong children's ministry.
 - B. You must develop a strong singles ministry.
 - C. You must develop a strong ministry for men, women, and couples.
 - D. Crisis intervention & counseling

6. A MAXIMUM INFLUENCE CHURCH UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF STEWARDSHIP
 - A. Cast a compelling vision
 - B. Develop a team to lead fundraising
 - C. Model excellence in corporate stewardship
 - D. Develop creative volunteer strategies