

Leadership Development - Part 5

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I. Six things contribute to finishing well.

A. We need to help other people to think about boundaries in their lives.

1. We want to finish well.
2. An 84 year old friend continues to minister well.
3. He encourages me to do the same.

B. We need to develop an intimate, personal relationship with Christ.

1. My mom ran a nursing home and made me preach there often.
2. Some of those folks are senile.
3. Some just gripe.
4. Some are bright and cheerful, loving the Lord.
5. We need to have the fruit of the Spirit.

C. We need to continue learning all life long.

1. We learn from books.
2. We learn from life.

D. We need to leave a legacy.

E. We need to process through our boundaries.

1. The Navigators are going through a boundary time.
2. We need to find the inspirational next phase for our ministry.
3. God will raise up some of you to do this.
4. God may have us explode into a new movement.
5. I pray for the inspirational next phase.
6. We have stopped getting light from the rear of the tunnel and age getting light from the front.

F. We have a need for mentoring.

1. We need a network of relationships.
2. People will never reach their full capacity without a network of relationships.
3. If no one is praying for you I am concerned about you.
4. Most of us have experienced mentoring.
5. What kind of mentoring is needed?
 - a. In the 20s we need role models.
 - b. Modeling is more important than peers because peers are competitors.
6. How do we expose young people to modeling and inspiration?
 - a. Introduce them to people.
 - b. Be there for them.
 - c. Have them read biographies and autobiographies.
 - d. Where are people getting significant input today?
 1. Mostly through peers.
 2. But we need older mentors. (2 Timothy 2:2: Titus 2)
 3. The problem is we have no mechanism for this.
 4. Our churches place people in peer groups but this misses the vertical connection between people.
 - e. Why are generations not connecting?
 1. The speaker takes comments from the audience that are difficult to hear.
 2. We are intimidated by these kind of relationships.
 3. A youth pastor from a bad family requested a mentor but no one responded.
 4. I asked one elder if he could help this young man but he hesitated, because he didn't think he was gifted.
 5. I suggested he just read a book on mentoring with this young man.

6. They had a tremendous experience.

f. Why are so many men hesitant to mentor younger men?

1. Some churches have mixed groups that do engage in mentoring.

2. Satan tries to tell men they are not adequate to be mentors.

3. Actually, being 50 has benefits.

i. You don't always have to quote other people.

ii. You can quote yourself.

4. Our parents' generation did not open their hearts to anyone.

5. They provided and protected.

6. Only the western society struggles with vertical linking.

7. The more Americanized the world becomes the more individual we become.

8. (The speaker takes more comments here.)

9. We are losing a generation from 45 to 55.

10. Lack of mentoring hinders generation connections.

g. People need peers and mentors.

h. How can we get more people benefiting by mentoring relationships?

1. We are not looking for supermen.

2. We need to identify people that can relate.

3. Help others develop in basics.

4. Spiritual guides provide accountability for decisions.

5. Coaches motivate people to meet new challenges.

6. Counselors give timely advice.

7. Teachers pass on knowledge.

8. Sponsors affirm people in their walk through life.

9. Historical mentors have walked through life and they can pass on experience to others going through same thing.

i. Witnessing, for example, is not new.

ii. Witnessing has been going on for centuries.

iii. Who have been great leaders of the past years?

iv. George Muller was one.

v. He committed to walk by faith and his life encourages me to do the same.

vi. George mentored me through his life and books.

10. Contemporary mentors also exist that can help us.

11. Get one or two mentors that can help you.

i. What do mentors do for us?

1. They keep us fresh.

2. They minister to us.

3. They help us keep integrity.

4. They challenge us to keep growing.

j. We all need spiritual guides, close friends, and a mentor.