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Reading: Titus 1:1-5
Importance of Delegation

And Training

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INTRODUCTION: Life is described in the Word of God in a number of different _____, including the statement that one generation passes _____ and another one comes to replace it. Ecc. 1:4

I. THE CYCLE OF LIFE & MINISTRY:

A. The Family:

1. We have probably all heard of the family _____, the imagery that reveals the generational ancestry of a clan or family that _____ with one married couple and then shows many descendants that follow.
2. This demonstration of the cycle of _____ is also written in the Word of God in several passages, as records show the _____ of the growing family from generation to generation. Gen. 5:1-9
3. As one studies the _____ of generations, one can see the importance of the head or the first generation being responsible in passing on the _____ and godly traditions to the following generation. Gen. 5:23-32

B. The Ministry:

1. The Apostle Paul understood the importance of spiritual delegation in order to preserve _____ and the Apostolic ministry, and his action to _____ and delegate to the next generation helped spread the Gospel to many different areas of the world of that day. Acts 19:10
2. Paul's pattern was to mentor and _____ and develop the ministry of others, especially the next generation and prepare them to carry on the _____ that he had started. 2 Tim. 2:1,2
3. Unfortunately, there are some who are not willing, or they are insecure and thus _____ the responsibility of delegating and _____ others to do the work of the ministry.

II. REASONS WHY SOME LEADERS DON'T DELEGATE TO OTHERS:

A. Control:

1. Some leaders do not delegate any part of their _____ to anyone else because they want to control everything and everybody, thus the leader is never going to _____ anyone else to lead. 3 Jn. 1:9
2. One wise elder and experienced leader stated this wise observation. "You can have _____ or you can have _____, but you can't have both. Acts 11:17
3. Sadly, this control issue leads to the stifling of the _____ of God, and if and when something happens

to the _____, there is no one to take up the mantle of the work and it will struggle to survive.

B. Insecurity:

1. Some leaders suffer from personal insecurity, and they have a _____ that if they train and delegate to others, they themselves might be undermined and _____ their place to someone else.
2. This lack of confidence leads to mistrust of all other potential workers, and thus the work of God from lack of laborers to get the needed work and _____ done.
3. The insecurity of a leader can also be _____ on to others around him/her and spread conflict and an epidemic of mistrust throughout the ministry.

C. Pride:

1. No one is exempt from the vice of _____, and it has to be dealt with through prayer, fasting and the word of God, but when the _____ does not recognize the vice in his/her life it becomes damaging and very disruptive to the growth of the work of God. Pr. 16:18
2. Pride is a form of self-idolatry where one believes that no one else can do it _____ than I can, and thus no one else should do it but me.
3. Some people excuse this behavior by thinking that they are carrying the _____ load and being sacrificial for the Lord, but in reality, the root of this is _____.

D. Bad Experience With Delegation:

1. Some leaders stop delegating and _____ others because they have had a bad experience with developing a leader that betrayed them.
2. Most every leader will have this unfortunate experience at some _____ in their ministry, but this should not deter one from continuing to develop leaders through _____ and delegation.
3. Remember Jesus was betrayed by one of His trainees but the eleven _____ turned out to be powerful ministers and _____ of the Early Church. Acts 1:8

III. THE NEED TO DELEGATE AND TRAIN:

A. The Jesus Example:

1. Jesus was the best _____ in the world, but His mission after His coming to be the sacrifice for our sins was to _____ and train leaders to carry on His work after His death, burial and resurrection and ascension.
2. The great commission to preach and _____ the Gospel everywhere would only be accomplished by those trained men who God used to affect the countries and they in turn trained and _____ other new leaders to carry on the work. Acts 17:6

B. The Need:

1. The Lord Jesus declared that there is a plenteous _____ but there is a shortage of _____ to do

the work of reaching the lost. Mt. 9:36-38

2. The mission of the church, which is the mission of _____, can only be accomplished by following the pattern of Jesus to reach the lost, make disciples and then develop and _____ them to do the work of reaching the lost and discipling them.

CONCLUSION: All of us who are now in the _____ of the Lord need to understand that we need to be

_____ of prepared not only to reach the lost, but to also train and prepare them for the the mission to reach the lost also.