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Reading: Titus 1:1-5
Importance of Delegation

Topic: The

And Training

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.