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Reading: Luke 15:1-10
Keeping Focused On

Topic:

The Priorities

INTRODUCTION: The things that are priorities in people's _____ are usually what they give most of their time, _____ and attention to. This same practice should be _____ in operation in the work of God.

I. THE FOUR MOST EFFECTIVE CHURCH GROWTH METHODS:

A. First Time Visitors:

- As we learned in our last class, the people who visit the church for the _____ time come from three primary sources: a. Walk-ins; b. Outreach C. Invited by _____ or friends (80%).
- We must understand that if someone took the time and _____ to make it a priority to come to visit a place that they have _____ been to before, then it must mean that they are searching for spiritual direction in their life. Mk. 10:17
- The responsibility rests upon all ministries to do their _____ to accommodate the new people so that they will _____ welcomed and be in an atmosphere that will bring God's presence to them.
- After they have visited, there needs to be a system to _____ up on the individual to connect them to a Bible Study, HFG, etc. so that they will not be forgotten.
- Statistics reveal that if people _____ a church three times and no real connections are made with them, they usually do not return, so a priority must be made to notice them, _____ with them and do follow-up on them, showing that someone cares.

B. Home Bible Studies:

- Since the personal one-on-one and small group Home Bible Study is the _____ effective method to win a soul, every individual who _____ to reach someone else should find someone to teach.
- The adversary opposes the Bible Study method so _____, and you will notice that there will always be various hindrances to trying to _____ the lessons done – sickness, the weather, scheduling conflicts, etc. I Th. 2:18

3. No matter what hindrances there are, and no matter how _____ it may take, do not give up on

getting that Bible Study finished and _____ to see that soul or souls saved.

4. Never underestimate the _____ of the Word of God, and once you sow that _____ into the

life of an individual, they will never be the same again. Heb. 4:12

C. Sunday School:

1. Once a week the opportunity to sow the _____ of the Word of God into the hearts and lives of

children and _____ presents itself.

2. The young ones receive the influence of the secular _____ in school during the week, and

for about six _____ or more for five days, they are not helped spiritually.

3. We have only about an hour to an hour and a half each week to influence the

_____ and

youth concerning the things of God and _____, so we must give it our best.

4. Many young people and children have been saved through the _____ of Sunday School

teachers so it is essential that all teachers be _____ of how important their role is in saving the

souls that are entrusted to them. Mk. 10:13-15

D. Outreach Via C.C.C. & Society of Soul Winners:

1. In this ministry everyone in the entire _____ can become involved by simply carrying a supply

of invitation business _____ to give to someone you meet.

2. Fellow workers, students, bus & metro passengers, shoppers, cashiers, bank _____, friends

and neighbors – are potential candidates for a _____.

3. You may never know where one of those cards may end up, and who in the end may

_____ it and

show up at the _____ and be saved. Mt. 13:8

II. KEEP FOCUSED ON THOSE PRIORITIES:

A. The Principle Of Proper Focus:

1. It has been stated that it is better to _____ on doing one or two things and doing them very well,

rather than trying to do a dozen different things and not having the _____ and energy to put into

doing each of them effectively.

2. This is true not only of individuals but also businesses, companies, organizations, etc. and

_____ even churches. Phil. 3:13

3. Some organizations and businesses have failed because they lost _____ of their original goals

and _____ for existing. Pr. 29:18

B. Keeping The Main Things The Main Things:

1. The adversary seeks to cause distractions to get people and _____ side- tracked from their main purpose and _____, that of seeking and saving the lost. Lk. 19:10
2. No matter which ministry the Lord may place you in, the focus must _____ on understanding that the work that I am doing is to be an extension of that _____ of Jesus. Lk. 15:4-7

C. Key Concepts:

1. One key concept to keep always in mind is that it is the _____ of God for every church and every ministry to _____ and reach lost souls and disciple them.
2. The second key concept to remember is that a ministry and a _____ cannot just wander aim- lessly without any direction, but must establish a _____ direction with clear purpose and some definite goals.
3. Both of these key concepts require that _____ must be kept on the priorities and the mission that has been established in the beginning.

CONCLUSION: Through understanding the plan and _____ of Jesus Christ, the work of God will _____ and multiply as the seed of the Word of God is continually sown.

Ps. 126:6