

Reading: Proverbs 25:19

Topic: Steps To Build Trust
With People

INTRODUCTION: All people involved in any _____ must develop a strong bond of _____ with those they minister with and minister to.

I. TRUST – MUST BE EARNED:

A. Not Automatic:

1. Trust, like respect is something that cannot be demanded, but it must be _____ through the process of time and _____. James 1:4
2. Your personal behavior and character will determine whether or not the people around you _____ will come to _____ you and rely on you. Micah 7:5,6

B. Basic Spiritual & Character Disciplines:

1. Developing your daily spiritual discipline through _____ and reading the Word of God will result in the growth of the _____ of the Spirit in your life. Eph. 5:9,10
2. When you become closer to God and strong in spiritual character, the old ways of the _____ that once ruled in your _____ like dishonesty, lying, etc. will fade and you will manifest characteristics that will lead people to trust you. 2 Cor. 4:1,2

II. BEHAVIORS THAT BUILD TRUST:

A. Keeping Your Word:

1. When you are involved in ministry, you will be observed by _____ that you minister to as well as by those that you minister with and failure to _____ your word will soon lead to the lack of trust by everyone.
2. Develop the discipline in your _____ to not over commit to doing too many things, which will lead to complications of not being able to _____ your word to people. It is better to learn how to say “no” than to say yes and not be able to follow through. Ecc. 5:5

B. Not Being A Know-It-All:

1. Anyone involved in a ministry, even if you are blessed with much talent and _____, need to realize that you don’t know everything, and you need to be _____ to learning more. Phil. 3:12
2. When people do see that you are a teachable person and one who desires to _____ upon who and what you are, they will be ready to _____ you much more than one who acts like they know it all and has an attitude of superiority.

C. Being Courageous To Do What Is Right:

1. When one has ability and is given responsibility to _____, it can be a temptation of the flesh to desire to _____ people, even to the point of compromising upon spiritual values.
2. People will not have confidence and _____ in someone who is willing to compromise values in order to _____ people. Mk. 15:15
3. A good minister and leader will be willing to do what is _____ rather than bowing to the pressure of pleasing people rather than pleasing _____. Acts 5:29

D. Exhibiting Confidence With Humility:

1. Leaders and ministers must have confidence, first in _____, and then have self-confidence, not in an arrogant way, but displaying _____ and trust that reveals that one knows where they are going and how God will get them there.

2. The display of confidence with humility develops trust in the people that one is _____ to and they will receive much more readily the _____ that God is doing through you. Acts 4:13

E. Valuing People More Than Valuing Notoriety:

1. A leader or minister must never regard people as objects, but as ever-living, never-dying _____ that will spend _____ either in Heaven or in hell. Mk. 6:34

2. When you value people, they will feel that you _____ about them and that alone will create more trust and willingness from them to be _____ into more spiritual places. I Cor. 11:1

F. Trusting The People That You Minister To:

1. Developing trust is a two-way street and when people come to _____ you, you can further build that _____ by also showing that you _____ them.

2. Some leaders and ministers unfortunately fall into the trap of wanting to _____ everything and everybody and they try to micro-manage people's _____ and actions to the point that people are uncomfortable and afraid.

3. A minister or leader will gain more _____ by delegating responsibility to others, thus showing confidence and respect by believing in the work that God is _____ in those people. Ph. 1:6

CONCLUSION: It takes time and patience to build _____ with people, and one moment of indiscretion can harm that _____, which may take months or years to restore so may we be wise and careful to not take for granted something of such great value that we need in ministry.