

## Quick Hits #6 / 5 June 2022

### 10 Tips for Leading a Service

The Lord usually has a plan in mind for a service and this often manifests itself beautifully when He is allowed to move freely. Sometimes the plan is revealed beforehand and sometimes it is not. Often times, we look back on a service and marvel at the way the Lord wove together the various threads and pieces to accomplish the fabric of His work.

Leading a church service is a ministry that is an art form. When we perceive and approach this correctly, we understand that this is a ministry of the Holy Spirit, not a work of the flesh. But...we also need to recognize that this isn't a casual ministry with little or no responsibility. Service leaders who take their craft seriously, know the weight of this ministry. They take the time to pray into the service, prepare for it, and become ready to flow with the Holy Spirit.

#### Scriptural Basis

*What is the outcome then, brothers and sisters? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. All things are to be done for edification. 1 Cor 14:26 (NASB)*

*As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11 (KJV)*

*Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 1 Cor 12:4-11 (KJV)*

*Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, **administrations (kybernesis)**, and various kinds of tongues. 1 Cor 12:27-28 (NASB)*

*kybérnēsis* is someone who steers (guides) a ship; (figuratively) the divine calling which empowers someone to lead in affairs relating to the Church. (Strong's 2941 - *kybérnēsis* only occurs in 1 Cor 12:28.) Source: Bible Hub

## Points to Ponder

1. **Experience is an excellent teacher.**
  - Get as much experience as possible. Ask for it. Ask for feedback as well.
  - It's an opportunity to learn leadership in a ministerial role.
  - Your spiritual senses will need to be activated and tuned in. It is excellent practice.
  
2. **Leave your baggage at home.**
  - Everybody has problems and issues. Nobody is an exception to that.
  - We keep in mind that we're engaged in spiritual warfare. Pray and go through it.
  - Think about your people who are depending on you and believe in what you're doing.
  
3. **Your stamp or imprint will also be on the service.**
  - Partner with the HS, but you also play a part.
  - Be mentally prepared and be "up for the game."
  - You'll leak what you have. It'll show what you don't have.
  
4. **Check in with the Lockrems (or pastors) and the worship leader before the service.**
  - Check if any rules of the house need to be observed or if there are any other special circumstances.
  - You are the service leader. The worship leader is not.
  - If the relationship is strained with the worship leader or other presenters, it can affect the service.
  - Worship or other in-progress activities is not the time for tensions to manifest as it could affect the service.
  - It's alright to formulate a worship and overall service plan. (Just be ready to flex and make adjustments.)
  
5. **Pray into the service before it starts.**
  - As soon as you know you are leading, start praying into it for anointing and direction.
  - Ask the Lord for any themes or specifics that He wants to bring.
  - The fifth point leads into the sixth below.
  
6. **You'll need your "radar" or "knower" to stay on during your preparation and during the service.**
  - The Lord may speak to you at various moments during the week as you prepare.
  - Just prior to service, you may want to meet and greet the people or a quiet place to prepare. Be free to do what is necessary.
  - Just prior to service, avoid long discussions about deep issues. Don't get pulled into distractions.
  - During the service, look at the people sometimes. Get a "read" on them.
  - During service, keep your "eye on the ball" and sensitive to Holy Spirit's direction.
  - The sixth point leads to the seventh below.
  
7. **Be flexible and open!**
  - Be tuned up and attentive to Holy Spirit and what *He wants to do*.
  - A Holy Spirit led service can have directional shifts and changes. There could also be multi-dimensional things occurring within the body at the same time.
  - What may look chaotic in the natural may actually be a beautiful orchestration by the Holy Spirit.
  - You may have to discard the message you've worked on throughout the week. Just save it for another day.

**8. Be ready to step out of the normal range of your personality.**

- Holy Spirit can and will take you out of your comfort zone.
- Take the risk and do the things that may be out of your norm. You're growing too.
- The more experience, the more comfortable you'll be with this.

**9. Believe that the Holy Spirit can make a big difference through you.**

- A level of authority will be given to you for the meeting and activities.
- Ask and then receive it. Then be ready to exercise it.
- You're not there for nothing. The Holy Spirit needs a service leader like you to bring freedom and to ensure that we do not grieve Him or try to shut Him out.

**10. Remember that you're a servant leader...but you're also the supervisor (or referee) there.**

- Your discretion will often be called upon.
- Use your discernment and "knower".
- If there are decisions or choices to be made for the service. The buck stops with you. It will be your call to make.
- Your anointing does not turn off or leave just because someone else is ministering a song, a message, or a testimony.
- Try to initiate or coordinate activities or messages that target as many as possible. "Do the greatest good for the greatest number of people."

**Last Comments**

Leading a Holy Spirit-led service is more than just showing up and looking and acting like an emcee. Worship and the edification of the saints is extremely important. The Holy Spirit will give honor and anoint those who are in such a position. As a result, service leaders should make the proper preparations and use all their faculties to the fullest extent so that everyone can benefit as much as possible. There's also nothing wrong with having a plan. Leaders just can't get stuck on it because the Holy Spirit can change directions.

There isn't a detailed manual in the Bible as to how to conduct church services. We're free to conduct services in a way that best suits us and promotes the most freedom for all attendees. The admonitions that we're given from the Bible is that we do things decently, in an orderly way (1 Cor 14:40), and that we love and honor one another. Of course, service leaders help with all that.

Lastly, this study contains just ten tips. There is much more information that can be shared about this important ministry. One of the biggest challenges for service leaders is going through the early growth stages. It's not so much an issue of HS anointing, rather, it's more about gaining the respect and confidence of the people. As with many endeavors, the more understanding and experience the service leader obtains, the better he/she gets, which can then translate into dynamic Holy Spirit led-services.

Are you ready to take the challenge?

Questions? Give me a call or walk up to discuss.

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