

9. Lead Accountably



Submit to the authority of others.

"Do not mend our Rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience' sake."

- John Wesley

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☞ Wesley understood that we will each give an account to God for our **words**, **time**, **money**, and **energy**. Romans 14:12

☞ We are called to embrace **mutual** accountability with the **community** where we live and serve.

A. We are Accountable for Our Work



☞ Wesley believe in shared **stewardship** and having **group** accountability with his leaders.

☞ This pattern of accountability became **institutionalized** in the Methodist church as **conferences**.

B. Create a Shared Standard



☞ Wesley didn't ask anyone to **do more than** he himself was **willing** to do.
John 13:1-17

☞ "Learn to **obey** before you **command**." –
Solon, the Greek philosopher-statesman

C. Require Accountability from Others



☞ Accountability, properly understood and **embraced**, is **energizing**.

☞ You can't have good leadership without **accountability**.

D. Submit to Accountability



☞ As a leader, be willing to **submit** to those in **authority over** you. Hebrews 13:17

Reflection Questions



- ☞ To whom am I accountable as a leader? Who has permission to ask me the hard questions?
- ☞ To what degree do I submit to accountability? Would those who follow me agree with me assessment of my openness to accountability?

Reflection Questions



- ☞ What would those responsible for supervising me say about my willingness to be held accountable?
- ☞ What practices have I established in my ministry to ensure stronger levels of accountability? Where are there gaps that I must address?

10. Lead Purposefully



Make God's mission your highest priority.

"You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore spend and be spent in this work. And go always, not only to those that want you, but to those that want you most.

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- ☞ A sense of _____ energizes a ministry.
- ☞ God designed the _____ for the purpose of carrying out _____.

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- ☞ Jesus lived a _____ of _____ as evidenced by these statements He made about Himself:
 - John 18:37
 - Mark 10:45
 - Luke 19:10
 - I Timothy 1:15

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- ☞ _____ are not intended to stand alone. Saving _____ from eternal, spiritual _____ is the ultimate objective.
- ☞ Don't be deterred by _____.

**A. Change Tactics Often,
Change Purpose Never**

- ☞ There is shared _____ in shared _____.
- ☞ The key to maintaining _____ in your ministry is to be _____ about the mission.

**A. Change Tactics Often,
Change Purpose Never**

- ☞ Continuously _____ and work to improve _____ used to reach and develop people.
- ☞ Be willing to be more committed to your _____ than to your _____.

**A. Change Tactics Often,
Change Purpose Never**

- ☞ We must use every possible _____ in every possible _____ at every possible _____ to reach every possible _____ for Christ.

B. Establish Your Purpose Early



☞ Acts 20:24 - "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace."

Leader Purposefully



☞ To lead purposefully, you must know what is _____ and choose to put it _____.

☞ The purpose of leadership is not to secure our _____ or protect our _____.

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☞ Leadership is a _____ given not for our benefit but to advance the _____ of God.

Reflection Questions

- How would the people closest to me describe what I am trying to accomplish?
- How clear are my ministry leaders about the purpose of our church?
- In what ways am I making God's mission my highest priority? What am I doing to consistently build relationships with the people God is seeking?

Reflection Questions

- If I'm not presently building relationships to become a "friend of sinners," what steps will I take to realign my time and energy to do so? To whom will I make myself accountable for this commitment?
