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#4: Raising up Large Capacity Leaders

12 Ways we can grow our capacity to raise up larger capacity leaders

Based on Dudley Daniels book: Biblical Leadership - chapters 6-8

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CATCH UP:

1. We need a **larger theology** in order to enlarge our capacity
2. We need to enlarge our **capacity for people that are different to us**
3. We need to enlarge our **capacity for people who do things better than we do.**
4. Large-capacity leaders are people who can **cope with change**

12 WAYS TO GROWING OUR CAPACITY AS LEADERS

5. Large capacity leaders are focussed

John 15:2 (NIV)

2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

Big capacity leaders are not trying to do everything!

- A 'pruned' life is a focussed life
- Big capacity leaders live very focussed lives and only do the things that bring greatest return on their investment of time and energy.

Listen to what Paul encouraged Timothy as he was being raised up as a large capacity leader:

2 Timothy 2:2-7 (NIV)

2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. 3 Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. 5 Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. 6 The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. 7 Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

What are some classic distractions, or 'civilian affairs' that pastors and leaders struggle with?

HOW TO STAY FOCUSED:

1. Jesus would not let people's adoration distract him

"There were some things that were important or legitimate that Jesus would not allow to distract Him from what He was called to be and to do. When we find ourselves with a crowd that loves us and wants to honour us, most

of us want to stay there. Jesus would not allow that. He moved on when it was time to move on."

2. Jesus would not allow people’s needs to distract Him

When Jesus had healed Peter’s Mother in Law, and subsequently most of the town the night before, even more people came out in need of healing

- Jesus said no - it was time to move on.
- His mission was to visit all the towns and not start a big ministry in any one of them

Dudley Daniel *"My experience has been that the majority of leaders are fighting battles that God never called them to fight. All of their time and all of their energy are being dissipated because they are caught up with fighting the wrong battles. We have to choose carefully the battles we fight, just as Jesus did. There were some battles He simply did not get involved in."*

3. We lose focus when we chase every new thing, each new ‘move of God’ that comes through the Church

As God restores things to the church, the temptation can be to drop the last thing we were focussing the church on to chase after the new

- This constantly changing focus is exhausting for the church and it’s leaders
- Soon the people lose their faith in the leader

"We do need to develop the ability to determine what is of God and what is not. Then we need to develop the ability to take the last thing that God legitimately brought back into the Church and sustain that, even as we embrace the next thing He restores. We do not simply dump the last thing that was legitimate when He restores the next thing. He does not want us to lose any of what He is doing in the Church."

4. Leaders become unfocused when they want to be in with the ‘in’ crowd

"They want to be famous and they want to be friends with the famous. Often when you listen to these leaders you find that they love to drop names so that you know that they know people who carry some profile. That only betrays their hearts."

CONCLUSION:

"The only legitimate focus is Jesus. If we focus on anything less than Him we will remain small."

#5: BIG CAPACITY LEADERS ARE FOCUSSED ON THEIR COMMANDING OFFICER AND NOT DISTRACTED BY CIVILIAN AFFAIRS.

QUESTIONS:

1. Looking back at your track record, would you say you are a focussed leader?
2. Of these four points, which one might be the one that causes you to lose focus?
3. What practical steps can you take to become a more focussed leader?