



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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1. Apostolic Leaders

7 KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LEADERSHIP STYLE OF APOSTOLIC CHURCHES

What type of leaders does an Apostolic Church need to develop?

If we are trusting God to be mission orientated, vision based, church plants that are preparing to plant more churches then:

1. We cannot have a hierarchical leadership style that controls people, abuses people, and is just good for the leaders. That simply will not produce the long term momentum and future leaders that we need.
2. We cannot have a democratic leadership style that just does what the people want - which is comfortable. Yes we should listen to the people, but follow Jesus. Democratic church leadership simply will not produce God honouring, self sacrificial future leaders.
3. We cannot have a weak or no leadership style. People need leadership. God uses leaders. Leaders go after vision. A lack of strong leadership simply will not get the job done.

SO WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF APOSTOLIC LEADERS?

1. Passionate love for Jesus

It is the passionate love for Jesus that is the most powerful and critical motivation in the world

It is the loss of love for Jesus that is the most dangerous condition a leader can drift into! The church in Ephesus taught us that lesson!

Eg. Paul

Philippians 3:10-11 (NIV)

10 I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

He endured so many hardships, struggles and persecutions but would never give up!

- He was constantly more in love with Christ
- The one who knew Jesus the most wanted to know him more!
- We are responsible for the level of our love for Jesus
- If we are not more in love with Jesus now than ever before then we need to repent!

QUESTIONS:

1. Are you more in love with Jesus now than you have ever been before?
2. If not, what are you going to do to repent?
3. If so why? What are you doing that is keeping you so in love with Jesus?

MY ANSWERS:

1. Absolutely - after 33 years of following Jesus I am definitely more in love with Jesus than ever before.
2. Don't need to repent now but have had to in the past. Usually it was because I lost vision of the call of God

on my life, allowing distraction to steal my affection.

- 3. What I do to stay passionate for Jesus is basically twofold - one is to constantly be growing my revelation of Jesus. I know there is more and want to know him more. And secondly, to keep going - God has an apostolic call on my life and it really is true for me (as I believe for everyone) that as I go I grow.