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Are you a Motivator?

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ARE YOU A MOTIVATOR?

To ‘motivate’ means to inspire or to give someone a reason to do something.

Numbers 27:15-17 (NIV) ¹⁵Moses said to the LORD, ¹⁶“May the LORD, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community **17 to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them**

out and bring them in, so the LORD'S people will not be like sheep without a shepherd.”

A leader's life should motivate others to follow his example. Setting an example is good, but it is the passion behind the example that is so motivating!

Hebrews 13:7 (NIV) ⁷*Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.*

The ideal leader is one whose very life and lifestyle motivate others to want to be like them.

Here are some areas of life we can be inspiring others in:

- ***To reverence God*** - the leader's passion for loving God should be contagious to those they lead. Someone sold out to God is so inspiring to the people around them.
- ***To appreciate His people*** - the genuine love of a biblical leader should motivate the people they lead

to give their all for God. This is expressed through taking time to thank people and encourage them and recognise their contributions.

- ***To honor His body – the Church.*** *The reverence that a leader has for the Body of Christ, displayed through sacrificial service and commitment should inspire others to want to serve alongside. Of course there are problems in every church, but don't forget that this is the Bride of Christ.*
- ***To praise and worship*** - *the Elders in Heaven set the example of bowing down before the Lamb and laying their crowns at His feet. Similarly our exuberance in worshiping the Lord should motivate others to worship. Be passionate!*
- ***To witness and win souls*** - *the day to day enthusiasm for sharing your faith is a powerful motivator to others to share their faith. Most lack courage and will draw courage from your example.*
- ***To work hard*** - *a lifestyle of dedication to the call of God on your life seen in hard work inspires others to work for the Lord.*

- ***To be inconvenienced*** - the attitude of a biblical leader (enthusiastic, positive, thankful in all circumstances, gracious) will motivate others to adjust their attitudes as well. Remember that we might not be able to choose our circumstances but we can always choose our attitude.
- ***To give sacrificially – even financially.*** Paul used the example of the Macedonian churches (2 Corinthians 8) to motivate the church in Corinth to be sacrificial in their generosity. Same principle applies to us. Our sacrificial generosity will motivate others to do the same.

Example:

The church in Corinth might not have realized how they were acting as leaders simply because of the power of their enthusiastic example. Their enthusiasm motivated other churches into action. Take a look:

2 Corinthians 9:2 (NIV) ²*For I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the*

*Macedonians, telling them that since last year you in Achaia were ready to give; and **your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action.***

That's MOTIVATION - being stirred into action

CHALLENGE:

Are you a MOTIVATOR?

At a personal level I remember being part of a church in my first few years of following Jesus, that was led by an amazing leader who was so passionate, not just for God but for church planting and going to the nations.

Thirty years later I am still walking in the fruit of his leadership in my life. His life and leadership motivated me to want to love God, plant churches and go to the nations. Leaders are called to motivate others!

QUESTIONS:

1. Take a moment and reflect - would you be motivated to follow yourself?

1. Which leaders do you know who have motivated you most? Why and how?

1. From the list above, what areas in your life can you raise to set a more motivating example?

Next week: Are you a CARER?

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