

THINGS A LEADER SHOULD NEVER LOSE SIGHT OF

Not everything that is in your heart to do is a “suddenly”.

Be quick to evaluate yourself and your ministry before you do so for others.

Always maintain a teachable attitude.

Have a revelation of the "seed" principle. Confess regularly that the Word of God is working; it will not return void, but will accomplish that thing it was sent to do. Everything is subject to change through the Word and prayer. (II Corinthians 4:13 and Isaiah 55:11)

Make the Gospel (all of it) a priority. Ministering constantly on "sin" will breed a "sin consciousness". Minister to people on who they are in Jesus. Preach the good news that we have overcome sin, sickness, poverty and death through the blood of Jesus Christ. Maintaining a "Christ consciousness" will keep them from sin.

Speak the truth in love. The rich young ruler walked away, but the Word says that Jesus still loved him. (Mark 10:21-22)

Rebellion is a spiritual problem. A spiritual problem needs a spiritual answer. Don't take it personal.

Don't give up on hard people. Some of your best leaders may persistently be your biggest problems. Ask God to help you see them through the eyes of faith. "Call those things that be not as though they were." (Rom. 4: 17)

Your ministry should be an overflow of how you live. John 15, "*abide in the vine*"; Proverbs 4:20, "*attend to the Word*"; I Timothy 4: 13-16, "*take heed to thyself*"; Ephesians 5, "*Be filled with the Spirit*".

Don't be afraid to do things for yourself. You should schedule weekly "appointments" of family time. Then, if someone asks you to do something on this particular day, you can honestly say, "I'm sorry I have an appointment." Your family is important. Take the time!

Be a person of goals and vision. "Without a vision, people dwell carelessly." (Prov.29:18) Not only are spiritual goals important, but natural goals also. Example: get back in shape, buy a car, learn how to play golf, etc.

Don't get caught up in the "MARTHA SYNDROME." (Luke 10:38-42) Take the time to sit at the feet of Jesus. You can be so busy doing the work of the ministry and still miss God!

Take care of your body. It is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Having the Greater One residing on the inside of you and abusing your body is like driving a Cadillac on flat tires. (I Corinthians 6:19)

Be responsible in the area of finances. Make sure you are on time with your tithes and offering. Pay your bills on time. Do not overextend yourselves. Make sure you have a storehouse (savings).