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Leadership

² So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables."³ Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ The statement found approval with the whole congregation...., **Acts 6:2-5**

In **Acts 6:1-7** we see something about the early church that is vital to the growth of the church – Organized Leadership. In Jerusalem there were physical concerns with widows that needed to be met. While this was an important task the Apostles knew it would not be wise for them to be involved in this kind of work because it would keep them from prayer and the ministry of the word. A healthy growing congregation must make decisions that prioritize their purpose and organize their leadership. There is so much work to be done we must organize, delegate and give responsibilities to ensure it all gets done effectively. The Apostles in the New Testament church knew this.

One of the trappings in many congregations that limit their ability to grow is a flawed leadership structure. When Elders do the work of Deacons, deacons fail to passionately pursue their responsibilities, and ministers/evangelists are expected to shepherd and care for the flock instead of reaching out to the lost, and the church has found a recipe for stagnation. The beauty of the organization in the early church is it was following God's plan and this plan is one that leads to growth. Sometimes this involves leaders saying no to some responsibilities. Sometimes it means we must clearly define our role within the church and pursue specific responsibilities. Every time it involves members asking what can I do that will help this church and it's leaders. The early church knew it was not the job of a few to take care of everyone so they appointed 7 men for the work, and what was the result? **Acts 6:7** *The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem...*

John

Take Note Of This

James 1:19 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

When you hear a teacher, a parent or anyone in authority say, "take note of this", then you know something important is about to be said. If a classroom teacher says this, then you certainly are expected to write it down and you can be confident that it will on you next exam. Here are three things Christians are to put into practice in their daily living. It is not always the easiest to do. If we practice these three then we will prevent many troubles from coming into our lives.

The first is to be quick to listen. Do you really hear what your child or spouse says? Do you really care what your coworker is talking about? This verse is challenging us to really listen. Far too often there is background noise and we are trying to listen to two different things at the same time. Don't be thinking that you know what the person is about to say but rather listen.

The second is to be slow to speak. Listen, then you think, then you speak. Thinking before speaking will save us from hurting others with our words. Is there a better way to say what I need to say? Our words are powerful and should be used to help others. We don't have to reply the exact moment a question is asked. You may even want to ask for some time before you respond to the discussion.

The third is to be slow to become angry. Anger usually destroys the conversation and often the relationship. We should guard against an angry response. Seek to help; seek to improve; seek to be friendly. May every Christian strive to put this verse into action.

Joe

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

OUR MEMBERS

- Mike Andrews
- Jerry Barber NHC Maury Reg. Transitional RM 1504
- Alice Bolton
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown - Home
- Fred Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Mary Chumbley - Life Care, Rm. 104
- John Churchwell
- Dave Coleman
- Athaleen Cox
- Clyde Farris
- Vera Daniels
- Corrine Goetz
- Tal Gray
- Billy Ray Hardison
- Clayton & Myrna Jett
- Margaret Johnson
- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
- Danny Lasater - home
- Linda Luna- home
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- Elaine Pope
- Gene Porter
- Jimmy Quirk
- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Donald White-Health South in Franklin RM 228
- Elaine Whitehead
- Wanda Workman

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Tony Rummage - brother of Ray, Linda Hanback, friend of the Mobley's - cancer, Sherry Nicholson - sister-in-law of Larry, Linda Collier - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry, Alene Cox - sister of JoAnn Coleman, Stacey Brown - niece of Cindy Hargrove has cystic fibrosis, Marie Skelton, Jean Posey - sister of Jean Sims, Natalie Kuykendall - undergoing chemo, June Crigger, 108 Riverside Dr., Eunice Oliver - Life Care, Rm. 217, Aaron Way - great nephew of Barry Brown - 5934 Ash Hill Rd., Spring Hill 27174, Claire Miller, Hannah Haywood, Shawn Skelton - brother-in-law of Roberta Bolton, Maddox Jackson - nephew of Clyde Farris - Vanderbilt Hospital, Shannon Buchanan - friend of Abby Smith, Beatrice Baker - NHC Walnut Ln., Rm. 104-B, Edith Sharp - sister of Betty Lentz, William Nicholson - brother of Larry, Carson Vitrano 13 yr. old friend of the Barbers - Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Ctr., 3333 Burnett Ave., Unit A5S, Rm. 5541, Cincinnati, OH 45229, J.C. Gray - cousin of Kay Beard, Wray Wright, uncle of Cheyenne McNeese - lung cancer, Cynthia Cheek Spicer - sister of Myrna Jett, Shirley Sharp - lung cancer, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Clarence Weaver, Ann Graham, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8

WORSHIP LEADERS APRIL 9, 2017

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Richard Farris
 Song Leader.....Youth4Christ
 Prayer.....Barry Cross
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Trent Hill
 Mike Lyle Sam Quirk
 Lenny Davis James Bolton
 Benny Bolton Blake Daniels
 Chris Mobley Larry Nicholson
 Read:Youth4Christ
 Sermon:Youth4Christ
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Dennis Thomason
 Prayer.....Byran Farris
 Read: Acts 6:1-7.....Gary Boyd
 Sermon: Leadership in the Church..... John Thomas
 Presiding.....Eric Hixson
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Ballard

**Youth4Christ Girls - this afternoon at 4 p.m.
 All ladies invited to come back and support our girls!**

Youth4Christ awards and meal following evening service.

Ushers: Jim Anderson, Barrow Brown, Terry Burgess
 Greeters: Donnie & Sharon Davis, Teri Hill, Juaneese Perdue
 Visual: Lee Winchester, Jacob Pollard
 Security Team: A.M.& P.M. - Jason Kelley, Adison Duff

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 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

NURSERY CARE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.

A.M.....Katherine Nicholson, Teri Hill
 P.M.....Kim Morgan

Song LeaderDennis Thomason
 Prayer.....Byran Farris
 Announcements/Speaker.....David Thomas