Leading Moves of God

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Do everything to the maximum!

- 1. The need to take time for the application after the truth is given. We need more obedience, not more teaching. "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James (NIV); "Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not obeyed." Psalm 119:136 (NIV)
 - We need to be obedient to the truth God gives before he can give us more.
 - The more truth we are exposed to, the more accountable we are. "If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them." James 4:17 (NIV)
 - If you have the authority to close the message, then you are responsible to seek God for how to close.
 - Go to the leader before hand if you have not been given time for the application.
 - You may have to shorten the message to allow time for application if you're denied the privilege to extend the time.
 - The leader may be released to give application to the speaker's message.
- 2. Speakers and Leaders need to be sensitive as to who should close the meeting with prayer.
 - Be careful not to guench the Holy Spirit
 - Speaker and Leader must communicate
- 3. After the Word is Given, Give the People Time to Praise if the Lord So Moves. We don't always have to worship first. Stop the message to worship if needed.
 - "The seventy-two returned with joy and said, 'Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.' He replied, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.' At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.'" Luke 10:17-21 (NIV)
- 4. We dissipate the move of the Spirit when we don't wait and listen. Learn to be comfortable with silence.
 - Pride and unbelief will be uncomfortable.
 - Humility and faith will be relaxed when waiting in silence.

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- 5. When a strong challenge has gone forth, there must be a point of actions.
 - Joshua 22
 - "On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws. And Joshua recorded these things in the Book of the Law of God. Then he took a large stone and set it up there under the oak near the holy place of the LORD. 'See!' he said to all the people. 'This stone will be a witness against us. It has heard all the words the LORD has said to us. It will be a witness against you if you are untrue to your God.'" Joshua 24:25-27 (NIV)
 - The more important the challenge, the greater need for a tangible step.
 - The point of no return is when we tell God that we will always say, "yes!"
 - Sign a covenant!
 - Make a statement of faith: "The king stood by his pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord—to follow the Lord and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, and to obey the words of the covenant written in this book." 2 Chronicles 34:31 (NIV)
- 6. When there is a call for salvation, give them the opportunity to do so publicly.
 - There's no such thing as a secret disciple!
 - If he is not Lord at salvation, how can he become Lord after?
 - "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)
 - · When we get married we make our commitment audibly and publicly
 - "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven." Matthew 10:32-33 (NIV)
- 7. Sometimes you must ask the people to seek God on behalf of their sin or area where we need to make application.
 - Give people an opportunity to confess to each other
 - As leaders we must be prepared to confess publicly during the message if the Lord so leads
 - We must be prepared to lead in humility and confession.
- 8. If there is to be a time of open confession, we must be in Wisdom.
 - Do not allow someone to incriminate others.
 - Tell the people to do the next thing God tells them to do.
 - Make sure there is a verbal forgiveness when there is public confession.
 - Seek God to know who should pray for those confessing.
- 9. When teaching on intercession is given, there smut be time given to pray.
- 10. Don't let Loud Praying Dominate the Whole Room When in Small Groups

How to Lead when the Gifts of the Spirit are Operating

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"Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil." 1 Thes. 5:19-21 (NIV)

"Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said." 1 Cor. 14:29 (NIV)

- Let people know in advance if there will be an opportunity to move in the spirit and what the guidelines are.
- It is appropriate to ask people to submit their vision, word or prophecy.
- · Come in humility if you have the word.

What do you do when it is not happening in the right way when you are the leader?

- Draw people back to the central message
- Deal with the person gently and firmly if the word given is not appropriate
- If you have a word with the wrong attitude it can not be anointed
- · Be firm and gracious
- Humility loves to be checked.

During times of worship when we are singing in the Spirit or if it is a message about the lost and evangelism, give opportunity to respond.

- Pray for a greater burden for the lost.
- Pray for opportunities to reach the lost.

If you are asking for an offering

- · Seek God for how to take it
- Clearly state the vision and give verses of confirmation you have received.
- List and wait on God to know what they are to give—allow time.

Call a group to meditate on a passage of scripture together

- We must listen to God the more we listen, the less we presume.
- Take a chapter and try to find a facet of God's character. Then worship him for that!
- The move of God comes when we do not presume, but wait on God.
- My mentor is Jesus Christ! He never did anything apart from the Father—there was nothing predictable about him except for His character!
- Listen to him! "But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices. If my people would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways," Psalm 81:11-13 (NIV)
- Take authority over the powers of darkness when listening to the voice of God.
- Have the group wait on God in silence and then move in the Spirit without having anything planned.
 The leader simply steers the meeting.
- School of preparation for leaders of revival when God is in total control!
- Pray and ask God which person you should go up to and kiss or wash their feet.

The Ways of God in Programming

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1. You must have a God-given vision that is clearly defined

- As a speaker, find out if those who are inviting have a vision and have confirmed it with God in leadership.
- 2. You must have a God-called team of committed and responsible people to implement the vision.
 - Seek God's face for the timing of the event
 - [Seek God &] Decide on the place to hold it.
- 3. Wait on God to seek the Lord for other ministries to be involved.
- 4. Realize that the greatest need is to have a speaker that can bring the Word of the Lord.
 - A Word that is brought in season with authority
 - Their track record proves they can deliver
 - We must be living the message up to date.
 - When you speak with authority, three things happen: (Authority marked the teaching of Jesus).

Truth illuminated
Hearts are pierced by truth
Will of person is moved

- Don't presume that the person who brought the word with authority in the past can do it now.
- Don't presume that just because they are the heart of an organization.
- Don't presume that just because they have a position.
- Don't presume a person can represent the organization
- Don't presume that the committee members are to speak. (We need humility)
- Don't presume that a gifted communicator qualifies. (When hunger [?] is the greatest impression left, you've missed it)
- Don't choose a speaker because they are popular or can draw a crowd.

- Don't choose a speaker because they are controversial
- If the committee can't come to unity, wait.

5. The committee must make prayer a priority

- In all your communications related to the event, there should be a strong call to pray for the event.
- The Schedule should allow adequate time for quiet time and prayer.
- On the basis of Jesus prayer life, prayer should be a part of the schedule.
- 6. It is very important to take authority over the enemy!
- 7. At the event, all leaders should be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and His sovereign moves and make room for it.
- 8. Be most concerned with hearing and obeying God rather than getting through an agenda.
- 9. If you are the leader, you should remain in a visible position because you are ultimately responsible.
 - Point of Identification
 - Humility is heart to learn
 - To lead people in the application after the speaker is gone.