

Kingdom Leadership Factors

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Morris Ruddick (a prophetic intercessor) brings out some important points about end-time Josephs.

(A) The Maturity Factor

“In His relationship with His disciples there came a time when Jesus told them that He no longer considered them servants, but friends. Jesus was raising the bar. He said that servants don't understand what their master is doing, but that He had made known to them ALL that the Father had shown Him. With that, He extended trust and imparted the essential dividing line for Kingdom maturity...[Jesus] defined friends as those who could be trusted with the details of God's strategies and purposes. That dynamic is the foundation for His standard for love – and with that the real foundation of humility. Without trust, the mantle falls short and is prey to the scheming and selfish ambition provoked by the religious spirit.”

- Kingdom life was not about us – it's about him.
- Jesus modelled that we are to be servants.
- We must become friends, not just servants, so Father shares with us what he's doing.
- Kingdom maturity includes work in partnership with the King, not just serving.
- The religious spirit is working in any area that a person is vulnerable so their Kingdom assignment can be thwarted.

“Jesus penetrated the spiritual veil (Hebrews 6:19-20) to embrace the pure power that scatters darkness. This is the process restored. It is the demonstration of the fullness actuated by Jesus' victory over death. This mantle has been passed to those anointed leaders willing to pay the cost and persevere to access the veil and fulfill the law of Christ by destroying the works of the devil. Unfortunately, far too many short-circuit the process and succumb to making an idol out of the calling.”

- We are to operate from the realm of Heaven, behind the veil.
- It's easy to make our ministry or our calling an idol so that it is more important than our relationship with the King.

“Those genuinely anointed to lead, whether as priests, prophets or modern-day Josephs will wield the glory and blessing, often walking into the face of darkness with a purity and authority that risks everything, but makes darkness flee.”

- End-time leadership – especially apostolic leadership – involves displaying glory for the King.
- Purity must work in hand with authority to make darkness flee.

(B) The Humility and Trust Factor

“Cindy Jacobs once told me that many true modern-day apostles, which include today's Josephs, operate with a false humility. Godly humility cannot be contrived. It is forged in the fire and carries with it a recognizable authority. Godly humility is devoid of arrogance and deceit as those who recognize true authority serve as pure God-pleasers.”

- Watch out for false humility which can be easily generated.
- False humility can fool humans but not heavenly or spiritual beings.
- Genuine humility carries its own form of authority.
- It's not just pride to watch. Keep a llok out for arrogance and deceit in your life.

“With his chief advantage being the guidance and wisdom God was giving him, there was little to no room for pride or scheming. That is the combination needed for true spiritual maturity and the foundation for biblical leadership.”

- Total trust provides the guidance and wisdom we need as well as squeezing out pride and scheming.
- The right balance of these 4 are as sign of mature leadership.

(C) The Leadership Factor

“Understanding the significance God had for Joseph the Patriarch lends a glimmer into understanding the long and very arduous wait-times being endured by many modern-day Josephs.”

- Be prepared for some times to take a lot of time to reach fulfilment.

“Weathering the devices of the enemy's onslaughts against Christian organizations takes both maturity and leadership. Mature, godly, sacrificial leadership will have no other foundation apart from humility and trust. Against such, the enemy cannot stand.”

- We must push through for victory trusting implicitly in God's ability to deliver us.

(D) The Fine Line

“Entrance into entertaining religious spirits is too often triggered by short-cuts. It takes discipline and resolve to hold the course. Joseph's path into maturity and leadership was enriched by humility and the trustworthiness he exhibited in the years of abiding in God's presence. As it was for Joseph, there are no short-cuts.”

- NO short-cuts.
- Short-cuts are based on laziness.
- If the Spirit shows a better way which is more 'economical' don't reject it.

“Perseverance and waiting on the Lord and His established times are not options. They are in fact the crucible that weeds out the many who are called from the few who are chosen.”

- Want to enter your destiny as a leader? Persevere through every situation and wait for his deliverance.

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