

Raising Up the Next Leaders

In 2007 I received a commission and the Lighthouse anointing (mantle) to be an apostolic spiritual father to Australia to raise up the next generation. What I present in this session is along the fulfilment of those lines.

The Lack of Discipling, Mentoring & Fathering¹

(Read the pages in the book)

- “This has to be the result of there not being much discipleship left.”
“Are there no fathers left?”
“Spiritual fathers and mothers are rare in these times,” I said. “I think, in general, the leaders have given themselves to building organizations more than building people. We do have some great ministries and organizations being raised up, but great saints are becoming rare.”
“What about you?” he inquired.
“I am as guilty as anyone else. I have not been a good father or mentor. I too have spent more time building organizations than building people,” I replied.”
- “The world has had the greatest in-gathering of new believers in history in your time, but very few are finding this path. If they do not come here they will not be prepared for what is coming upon the earth. If they are not prepared, they will be lost.”

Kingdom Leadership²

(Read the pages in the book)

- “I know the leadership in the Kingdom is supposed to be different, but you are more different than I was expecting.”
- “Likewise, if my ministry is getting more attention than the Lord is, I should be concerned that I have departed from my main purpose. I have learned the vanity of just trying to build a ministry or influence, even when it is for good reasons. When we mature we will want to help prepare the way for the Lord by helping to prepare His people for Him. If I am only increasing people’s attention on me I am failing in my most important mission.”
- “I do not feel comfortable being the focus of attention. I would much rather lead in a hidden way, by helping to steer people toward their destiny rather than being out in front, even with a small group like this.”
- “I know, at times, I can be a clumsy person socially. I take a bit of comfort in the fact that Elijah seems to be even more so, but that too could be the secret of his power. He has learned to lean on the Lord, putting all of his trust in Him. I want to do the same. Being in leadership makes me lean on Him more than anything else I know. So I do embrace it even if I don’t feel comfortable with it. I have learned to embrace feeling inadequate because I know it is actually the result of being inadequate. No person is capable of doing what they are called to do without God’s help. That is

1 – Rick Joyner (2016) “The Path” p:6-7

2 – Rick Joyner (2016) “The Path” p:82-86

why we were given the Helper. Feeling constantly inadequate makes you learn to lean on and trust in the Lord, to constantly seek Him. I embrace this as an opportunity, but I still don't enjoy being in leadership."

- "The Lord has saved His best wine for last, for the end of this age. Even if we get to walk in the fullness of what is coming, to presume glory or position after seeing Him would be more profane than anything I could think of. As I said, I've met many of the world's great leaders and successful people, and I try to give honor to whom honor is due, but it is hard to be impressed with anyone after you have seen the King. It is even more difficult to be impressed with yourself. I also want to be candid about my own flaws and mistakes to those I'm leading. We must build everything in this fellowship on truth. What I share about myself is true. It may be a lack of self-esteem or self-worth that makes me cringe when people give me too much attention, but it is also feeling that they are not seeing the Lord if they are looking too much at me. I understand that this may be natural for a time, but if it continues I am failing at the main thing I am called to do—to lead people to the King. One leader of a large movement once told me that I would never be a successful leader because I did not have 'warm fuzzies' that would attract people to me. That may be true, but I do not want to attract people to me. That is actually an appalling thought to me. My goal is to be successful at the job I've been given, and that job is to prepare them for the King's service and to follow Him."
- "I know that may sound severe, but when I saw the King, I knew there was no higher calling than this—to prepare the way for the Lord and to lead His people to Him. There is no greater joy or fulfillment than this. I may at times chaff under the pressure that comes with always being in a place beyond my ability, but I know very well that this is the greatest job anyone could ever have. Since He put me here, I know He will supply what I need. I've also learned that my identity and value is not in my position before men, but my position in Him."

The 5 Things You Need For A Thankful Heart³

(Read the article)

- "If there ever was a cultural quality in need of widespread revival it is a "thankful heart." Somewhere along the road to rugged individualism, many of us outgrew gratefulness."
- **(1) Reflection: An honest parade of the past** – Stop, think deeply and drink in the days behind you. Thank God for what has transpired.
- **(2) Humility: Get my photo off centre stage** – Focus on others instead of yourself.
- **(3) Appreciation: Especially for the small stuff** – At the end of the day, or when you lie in bed about to go to sleep, review your day. Take a few minutes and mentally work through your day. Give thanks for what was good, even the little things.
- **(4) Sifting: Strain out the poison** – Get rid of the wrong attitudes in your heart and your wrong thinking. Monitor your self-dialogue.
- **(5) Contentment: Focus on what I have, not what I don't** – Be grateful for what you have. Be content.⁴

3 – Steve Graves (23-11-2016) "The 5 Things You Need For A Thankful Heart" [email blog] (www.stephengraves.com/articles/read/5-organic-ingredients-of-a-thankful-heart-2)

4 – See Luke 3:14; 1 Timothy 6:6,8; Hebrews 13:5

Our Difficulties are His Opportunities ⁵

(Read the article)

- Life can be hard, but it can't out match our Father's goodness and source of supply.
- We just have to know what to focus on!
- Every time we encounter a difficult situation we have a choice:
 - 1. Will I get stuck? OR
 - 2. Will I embrace the situation as an opportunity for growth, maturity and transformation?
- God gets excited when we grow.
- He is passionately committed to our freedom.
- He desires us to partner with him.
- “Beloved, your life is not how you find it. It is how I make it.

I know every pitfall, every difficulty that you will face in the course of your growing up in Me into a place of authority, fullness, maturity, and favor.

The answer to everything is always going to be found in the Person of My Beloved Son.”

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5 – Graham Cooke (17-11-2016) “Our Difficulties are His Opportunities” [email blog]
(brilliantperspectives.com/Our-Difficulties-are-His-opportunities)