

Letter to Leaders

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Dear Friends:

Greetings once again in the lovely name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Leaders are having to sort out the difference between peace and boredom. Are God's people content or backslidden? Can we know the difference between inspiration and hype?

New Opportunity

Thank God for 1988 and the opportunity it has brought to us; the opportunity to do it all again, or to see God do it again.'

You, a God called leader, have before you the greatest opportunity of your lifetime. God wants to use you to lead His people into His word and His promise for them.

More than ever people need someone to encourage them. People need to know that God really cares for them and loves them. The Lord wants to use you to assure His people that He loves them; that they have value in God's eyes and in the church.

You Are Equipped

As a God called leader you not only have the character and strength to do this but you have the anointing of the Spirit of God Himself to give you what you need when your own strength fails you. You are anointed to encourage

God's people.

Excuse me if this sounds like a teaching paper. I just want to share my heart with you. I am sure you all know that the English word Pastor is only used once in the New Testament in Eph 4:11. Yet the Greek word poimeen is used seventeen times, and is normally translated shepherd.

As I reread the lexicon for both the Greek word poimeen and the Hebrew word rahgah. I was impressed with the idea of feeding and keeping. Leaders are feeders, first and foremost. There is hardly any other idea contained in these leadership words other than feeding and things necessary for that feeding. They are also keepers and protectors.

Leaders, feed people!!

Ask the Lord to give you something fresh for God's people. You can get revelation from God. You have the Spirit of God to teach you and give you revelation from the word of God. Do not be afraid of challenging God's people to a life beyond seeking God's blessing. Do not rely on what you have received through other ministries. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you something fresh just for you and your congregation.

Leaders Keep People

As a shepherd, ask the Lord to give you such a love for His people that you become fierce protector of the sheep. I mean, a love for those God has given you who seem to be unlovable: a supernatural love for them.

With that kind of love, you will look beyond people's problems and see their needs. You will see them as valuable and precious in God's eyes, rather than the cause of problems in the church.

By His Spirit

This kind of love can only be installed in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is alive and well in the church today. When times get tough, it is time to call on the Holy Spirit for a new anointing, a new revelation, and new love for God's people.

It is time to dust off our wonderful theology of the Holy Spirit and allow Him to go to work in our lives and in the church. With the Holy Spirit active in our lives, we will find the calling of God a blessed opportunity, not a heavy yoke.

Do yourself a favor. Let the Holy Spirit do your job. Yield yourself to Him, casting all your cares upon Him for He cares for you.

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