

LETTERS TO LEADERS

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FIVE "R's"

Some years ago the Lord gave me five words that begin with "R" that describe what happens to followers. However, it also gives leaders a clue as to how to avoid this happening among their followers. The five words are:

1. "Reason" - meaning a good idea
2. "Rejected" - we have all had our good ideas rejected
3. "Resentment" – when our good ideas are rejected, we resent it.
4. "Resistance" - When harbor resentment, we respond by being resistance to others good ideas.
5. "Rebellion" - If we do not deal with resistance, we become rebellious. Rebellion is simply resisting everything that exists, just because they exist. When we resist the status-quo simply we live a life of resistance without a reason to do so. Therefore, the rebellious invent ways to demonstrate that they are different than any and all status-quo things and procedures. Unfortunately, this rebellion is also against God.

What is the answer?

If our "reason" or good idea is rejected, just get another good idea. Just keep getting more good ideas until your leaders finally see what a wonderful creative contribution you are making to the organization or ministry.

If you harbor resentment, take it to God. Ask the Holy Spirit to take the resentment out of your life. Resentment is an open door to resistance and ultimately rebellion.

When you find yourself constantly resisting the ideas of others, realize it is a dangerous sign that leads to rebellion. Ask God to give you so much love for others that you see their ideas are good and acceptable to God.

Often leaders shout hallelujah! This is good teaching for the followers, and I believe that is true.

LESSON FOR LEADERS

When people come to you with a good idea, respect them and the idea. Give the idea genuine consideration. If the idea is not usable, explain to them why and thereby avoid them feeling rejected.

When people feel rejected by their leaders, they degenerate into obedient servants (at the best) and stop making vital contributions to the objective of the group. They do only what they are told, even becoming fearful of doing anything else, lest they be rebuked by the leader.

When leaders realize that followers feel rejected or resistant, they need to spend time with them to rebuild their confidence that they are loved and accepted by the leader.

Leaders especially cannot afford to put rebellious followers in positions of responsibility, because they will spread the rebellion to others, since rebellion is a spiritual force, not just an attitude.

Leaders, love and accept your followers. Have a real relationship with them. When you do this you will nip many problems in the bud.

Followers, realize that not all of your wonderful ideas are as good as you may think they are, or maybe not applicable to the group objective.

In His service

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