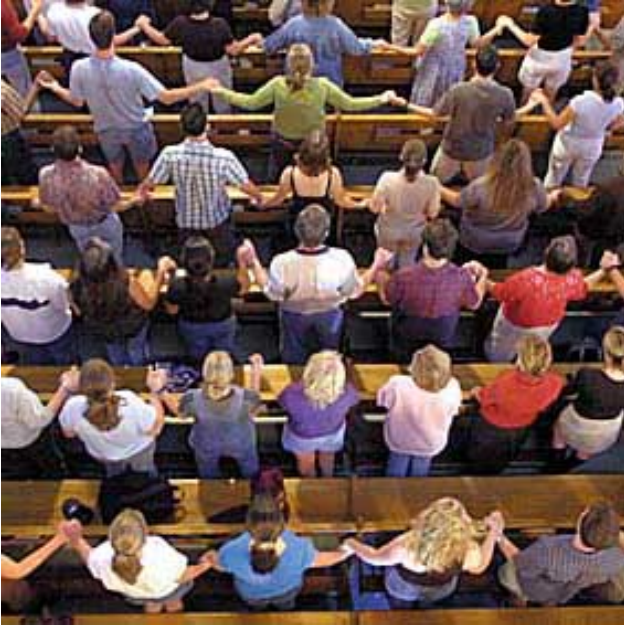


1,000 Leaders for God



The greatest challenge facing spiritual leaders today is undoing decades of money worship and replacing it with nourishing spiritual growth. It's up to God's new crop of spiritual leaders to go into the body of Christ and surgically remove these spiritually bankrupting doctrines and practices.

As I write this God is wrestling with someone's heart calling them to stand up and be a vessel for Him. People are afraid to stand up because they have been programmed to be followers, to be quiet, sit down and follow orders. In the year 2010 God will raise up over 1,000 new home churches will introduce 1,000 new spiritual evangelist who will go forward like a blazing fire dispensing the word of God and challenging the false man-made kingdoms that are in opposition to the true Kingdom of God. God is working with peoples hearts in this year of 2009 and in 2010 we will see the birth of these efforts.



There will be thousands of people who claim to be called by God but out of these numbers will be 1,000 who will stand out. These 1,000 leaders are special because they will possess the gifts of the Spirit. Prior to God raising them up to their purpose and mission they will struggle within their own churches, the truth of God is growing inside of them, revealing things to them but they will be surrounded by people who are living lies and who hate the truth. They will receive no support or encouragement and for awhile they will struggle to make themselves heard. All of them will eventually leave their established church homes and either establishes their own ministry or join with a spirit led one. God will cover the 1,000 with a special cover of protection; the Holy Spirit will dwell in them and guide them on their difficult task. They are being raised up by God for a reason and they each have been chosen by God for their honesty, sincerity, wisdom and genuine desire to help mankind.



The 1,000 individuals selected by God to represent Him before mankind is very obvious because they have extremely strong spirits that seem to shine like a light. Upon meeting one of these gifted individuals their love for God can be felt and you can sense the hand of God upon them. In 2010 their lights will begin to shine and with each passing year they will grow brighter and brighter among mankind. Kindness and love for their fellow mankind radiates from them and God holds them continually in his bosom. When God calls a person to do a mighty and difficult work their path has been laid from the day they were born and the forces of evil work hard from the cradle to the grave to turn that person away from God. In 2010 there will be some people who are surround each of these 1,000 who will rise up against them and try to hinder them but God has already laid out their path. **The 1,000 will be given the enormous task of transforming the church and as with any change they will meet the face of chaos in the process.**

For the past few decades the body of Christ has been infiltrated with corporate minded religious leaders whose primary goal is to establish their own kingdom for themselves on top of the Kingdom of God. Instead of building churches they have erected giant religious corporations which exist not for the glory of God but for profit. You don't have to look far to find numerous examples of profit driven evangelism, from the international to the small towns the focus has been taken off of God and placed on the idolization of church leaders and money. A money making spirit has spread like wildfire in the church with everyone from the preacher to the usher profiting off of the service of the Lord.

Spiritual Leaders Who Transform



The time of man's attempt at restoration of the body of Christ has come and gone unsuccessfully and now God is sending out a call for transformation.

Transformational spiritual leaders of today and tomorrow are not seeking to restore or take the church back to a former time they are striving to move it forward. The past is our launch pad into the future, we learn from it and are strengthened by it but we were never meant to wallow in it. Jesus came with his ministry on earth to help the people of God move forward by ushering in the gift of redemption and spirituality; before he came the people of God were drowning in their own man-made laws and stagnation. People were closer to their laws than they were to God and their leadership feared the Romans more than they did God. They were so stagnated and blinded by their beliefs they completely missed the promised Messiah. Today, spiritual leaders are tasked with helping the body of Christ change its nature from material gain to spiritual growth.

The job of spiritual leaders is to transform the body of Christ from a Wall Street church into spiritual center's serving the needs of a malnourished mankind. A true spiritual center has God at its center not an individual and is headed by a strong cadre of spiritual individuals who work together as a team for the benefit of the body of Christ. Transformational spiritual leaders are servants to the body of Christ working in conjunction with other servants to get the job done.

Spiritual leaders will make this transformation by aligning the word of God with the everyday needs of individuals. The most important asset of any body of Christ is the spirit of its people. The entire purpose for existence is to edify God and to help individuals grow closer to God. There is nothing transformational in the amount of money a church has, how big its facilities are or the number of people on its roll but there is something transformational about helping people to worship God everyday not just on Sunday's. When a church can help a homeless drug addicted prostitute become a vessel for God, that's what I call transformational. When members sit under the Word of God for years never growing in their spirit still committing the same sins from when they first believed that's NOT transformational. **Good spiritual leaders help individuals move forward in their lives and transform into spiritual people of God instead of just another name on the church roll.**



The days of the “seven steps” to “one size” fit all “cookie cutter” programs that have served the mega churches so well and have been copied in the smaller ones is over. Many churches boast having various outreach programs for it’s members and I must admit a few of these are wonderful, productive and have proven results in individuals lives but a majority of them are mere window dressing giving an appearance of reaching out. Transformational spiritual leaders go beyond the general catalog of outreach programs and create a holistic worship experience for their members that transform lives. The body of Christ is filled with individuals who have tremendous spiritual gifts, good spiritual leaders know how to step aside and let these gifted individuals help to create a holistic experience for members that serving differ rent individual needs. Outreach programs are great and beneficial but they in themselves do not fulfill the individuals needs it takes an inclusive broad approach has at its base one on one communing with members. The church of God focuses on the individual and helping that individual grow spiritually. No two people are alike; we all have our individual demons and problems to face which is why the one size fit all approach to healing does not work. **It’s not enough for a person to join the church and the only time they are contacted is if they miss too many Sundays or don’t pay their tithes. Transformational Spiritual leaders labor and walk with the individual on their spiritual journey to God.**



Transformational leadership don’t stop at bringing people up to their level of Spirituality but actually help and desire for the people they serve to surpass and grow beyond themselves. In many churches the leader likes to be the all-knowledgeable and all spiritual guru and in these setting members is not allowed to grow beyond the leader. Transformational spiritual leaders

see the potential in all persons and they know that if the Kingdom of God is to be lifted up it requires passing the baton to individuals stronger than themselves. The people served and labored with are like plants in the garden of God, spiritual leaders do their part in helping that person to grow, even if it exceeds their own growth. Instead of trying to maintain supremacy over those saved, God requires leaders to keep on pushing them upwards and they in turn push others upward and this is how humanity is lifted. The greatest reward of a transformational spiritual leader is watching someone grow beyond themselves. Today, spiritual leaders are faced with a spiritually bankrupt people who have been led to believe that they can only go to a certain point or that the leadership will always have a closer relationship with God than they, this is simply not true. This type thinking has roots in keeping members subservient and gives the leader control over individuals. There is no stopping point when it comes to knowing God; every one of us learns something new each day we live. The task of transformational leadership is to help bring people out of this mindset and help them realize the spiritual potential and greatness they have within.

True Story



Deep in the rural Northwest corner of Alabama is a small country church that had no debt, owned its building and had a small happy congregation. They were led by an old traditional preacher who focused on the pure word of God, who was a farmer and lived a righteous life but he passed away. A zealous deacon seized control and influence over the church and convinced them they needed a bigger church closer to town and the simple happy sheepish congregation agreed. They sold their old church for almost nothing and built a big expensive new one closer to town. They also hired a new young preacher who promised to help swell their numbers and tithes to pay for the new church. The old preacher use to preach for \$60.00 a Sunday because to him it wasn't about the money, he did it for God but the new young preacher commanded \$2,000 a month plus the church had to pay his phone, home mortgage and his account at a local tailor. A year after moving into their new building they couldn't pay their bills, what little congregation they had begun to dwindle away and soon the bank seized their church. Today, they are renting their new building until the bank decides to sell it. When the building is sold it could mean the end of a church with over 100 years of history. They are a spiritually and financially bankrupt a shadow of the once great church they use to be.

This story is true and this devastation is being played out all across America as churches are being suckered into living beyond their means in order to support a greedy and selfish leadership. These are the kinds of religious leaders who have been allowed to dominate during these last decades and they have been able to spew their lavish lifestyles and false doctrines on the body of Christ. Many people mistook the toxic ARM mortgages (which they knew they shouldn't have been given a loan because of their credit) as miracles of God and religious leaders used these testimonies to further prove the validity of excessive material gain. Today, millions of these believers are devastated because they can't afford their "miracle homes" and their faith in God is shattered because they can't understand why God would bless them with a house and then allow it to be taken away. Somebody forgot to tell them that true blessings from God can never be taken away by man. God would never give you something you cannot afford or that you can't handle. The only exception to this is if God blesses you and you in turn are not a good steward over the blessing.

Today's spiritual leaders of God must undo the damage that has been done. Somehow, somehow people's faith must be restored in God. People are hurting, struggling and suffering and they are looking for hope, which is why people today are idolizing President Barack Obama as some kind of savior who will wipe all of their troubles. Obama wrote a book and put the word "hope" in its title and people have latched onto it like a sacred text. I don't have to tell you what happens to people who take their eyes off of God and put them on a man, the Bible is full of examples from front to cover. **The church has failed miserably and it's up to us to transform her. The call for restoration in the church has failed; God is now calling for transformation.**

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Especially in bad times"**

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