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"The LEADER'S EDGE" by drmichaelbell

Are you dealing with difficult church leaders? Of course, we should bear in mind that we all are difficult at times, and we all have fallen way short of God's yardstick. That's what the cross is about! That is why it's so important to keep your focus on God, not people or situations, so God's purposes will be fulfilled.

Unfortunately, there're people who fill leadership roles in many churches that lack the personality, the character, discipleship development or simple maturity to fill such a role. These persons, often chosen because of some giftedness or business expertise or family connection, are appointed or elected to positions they are spiritually disqualified to serve in.

Everybody doesn't have the capacity to be a leader in the church. I've been in the equipping ministry for decades and I confess that I've made a trainload of regrettable leadership appointments. I've appointed persons to key leadership posts not because they were qualified across-the-board, but because I hoped, sometimes against hope, that they would eventually grow into the role. They completed leadership training, but many had deficits in compassion or commitment or teachability which inevitably surfaced and had to be dealt with.

From my first church and the subsequent ones, I have learned some principles about dealing with difficult people. Here are a handful:

First, Pray. This does not go without saying, for in prayer we commit the matter to God and the work of the Holy Spirit to do what God wills. Prayer is not asking for my way to be done but for God's way. It is asking for wisdom, discernment, courage, grace, and patience, which we especially need in working with difficult leaders.

Second, work with those leaders you can work with. This implies that there may be some church leaders who get into their leadership role and literally wreak havoc. Pursue those potential leaders who love the Lord and his truth and are committed to the church's good health. Disciple them and encourage their involvement in leadership.



creet. Don't gossip about difficult people but be willing to confront them humbly yet directly - or "care-front them" as some wise somebody has said - in the hope that they might change or leave. Sometimes it's best to do this with a trusted leader at your side. That keeps talk of the event from becoming your word against the other person's should the matter ever go beyond the private conversation. Bear in mind, that some folks have deep-seated psychological issues or subtle personality glitches that become exacerbated once they're elevated to a place of leadership.

Fourthly, take the long view. God is patient, and how he weaves things together is often different from our timetable. Realize that we are only part of his plan for the church. One person plants, another waters, but it is God who gives the increase.

One more thing. Learn from experience. Don't apologize for experience, including mistakes, but learn from it, knowing that God uses our personal experience as training ground for future encounters.

All ministry, including working with difficult people, is God's work. For this we can be extremely grateful, even if it is painful and we do not always understand what's happening. After all, it's not about us, it's about God.

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Speak Life Thought with First Lady & Co-Pastor Yolanda G. Butler

Be very careful, then, how you live-not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. (Eph 5:15-16 NIV)

An Intentional Life

Summer marks the ending of onehalf of the year and the beginning of the second half. It is a suitable time to reflect on successes and failures, new relationships and severed ones, health challenges and triumphs, losses and gains, and so much more. The word "remember" in the Hebrew means to recall information or events with a focus in responding in an appropriate manner. For example, despite a rebellious nation, God said He would remember His covenant with Israel (Ex. 26:42). Believers are encouraged to forget not the Father's kindness shown over their lives (Ps. 103:2). The exercise of remembering is not only Biblical but leads to intentional living, keeping you walking and living in the right direction (Deut. 5:15, 8:2, 18; Joshua 1:13; Ps. 105:5; Heb. 13:3; Rev. 2:5).

However, reflecting back on your various aspects of life is not always easy. It can be painful because of bad experiences. Perhaps you are like many who feel like after looking back you are just going through the motions, not really heading anywhere, stuck on nothingness, and trying to figure

out just where is your life heading and how can you get there. Everyone hits an empty pit at some point in their lives. Thankfully, it does not have stay that way if you embrace *"intentional living"* in Christ.

Intentional means deliberate and purposeful action. Intentional living therefore is wrapped in knowing who you are, what you desire, where you are heading, and actively and deliberately living out purpose. You must ask yourself, "What makes me wake up every morning and feel alive," then align yourself up with purpose in time, money, and energy. Time is valuable and we are encouraged to walk and live it out wisely (Eph. 5:15-16). Jesus teaches that we are accountable to how we manage money and resources and should therefore be good stewards with what the Father has entrusted to us (Matt. 25:14-30). Working and service is what each of us is called to do and we are admonished to serve (work) with enthusiasm as if we are working for the Master knowing that in the end the greater reward comes from Him (Eph. 6:7).

Intentional living is active living in word and deed, which we are told to do as a representative of Jesus Christ, honoring the Father with a thankful heart (Col. 3:17). It is a choice that must be lived out every day (Deut. 30:19-20). It is being mindful of media consumption for what you digest will reflect in how



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you behave (Matt. 15:17-20). It is doing something that brings you joy and satisfaction (Gal 6:4). It is asking yourself "why" before you buy, weighing the options and cost involved (Prov. 16:2-3). It is prioritizing rest and self-care to avoid burnout (Matt. 11:28). Intentional living is practicing active listening (making a conscious effort to hear, understand, retain information), which can have a major impact on your effectiveness in life and relationships (James 1:19). It is setting aside time for self-reflection and meditation (2 Cor. 13:5). It is knowing when it is time to let go (Gen. 13:11).

So dear hearts, with every waking day and moment, you have the opportunity to live out your best life. Be determined to live and walk it out intentionally by the grace of God.

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INSIDE THE MUSIC

with Elder Judy Neal

"IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE BLACK MUSIC"

Music can change the world because music can change People! This impressive truth has been echoed by many great philosophers, theorists and all who simply recognize its power. And I don't know another group of people that has literally created life changing music and the genres that would establish each than African-Americans. Our musical traditions miraculously survived the violent and restricted diaspora experience and in mid-1800 became widespread through spirituals, minstrel shows and slave songs. Since then, music composed and performed by African Americans has affected, infused, enthused, inspired and motivated people all over the world. So it was a fairly easy proposal to grant, when iconic songwriter Kenny Gamble and radio personality Dyana Williams approached President Jimmy Carter in 1979 to establish June as Black Music Month in America. The actual legislation was finally secured

FROM CHILD PRODIGY TO

WINNING GRAMMYS: Fort

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in 2000 and renamed in 2009 by President Barack Obama as AFRI-CAN-AMERICAN MUSIC APPRE-CIATION MONTH.

It has been argued that Black music is the Soundtrack and impetus for nearly every type of music in this country. Some say it has given America its "swag" and brought people together at many historical times. From slavery spirituals, jazz and blues within Jim Crow trauma, gospel hymns of hope, rock and roll prohibitions and protest songs of civil unrest, Black Music defined the times. Rhythm and blues oozed romance, swaying church choirs rejoiced in 3-4 part harmonies, and the messages of hip hop/rap demanded their concerns be heard and lifestyles recognized. All of these music genres were at times, brazenly erased, minimized, robbed, and disregarded. But Praise God their gifts made room for them and music lovers worldwide restored, redeemed and refunded the early music geniuses with credit and resources.

Black Gospel music has continued to be founded in the goals to pray, love, trust and live righteously for God through Jesus Christ. That music will be available this month throughout the metroplex, so consider attending the following events and celebrate: • June 5 HYMNfest, Church Cor-

nerstone Church 2022 5415 Matlock Rd. Arlington, TX. (4:30 pm) Feast on the hymns of the church! • June 6-8 A FREE 3 day Virtual

Workshop, "Get Your Worship Mu-

sic Heard in 2022". (1 pm) Join on Facebook and enjoy

• June 11 Ricky Dillard & Nu G Concert Westside B.C. (5 pm) 900 W. Bellaire Blvd. Lewisville, TX. www. wbcchurc.org for tickets. HBD Dr. P. Bradley

• June 15 "Together We Sing" The Project Unity Choir and Dallas Symphony honor Richard Smallwood and feature Tamela Mann. (7:30 pm)

The Morton Meyerson Symphony Center 2301 Flora St. Dallas, TX. www.mydso.com for tickets.

• June 25 The William S. Mitchell "Sacred Choral Music Concert" (4:30 pm) Pearly Gate B.C. 6021 University Hills Blvd. Dallas, TX.

• June 26 The One Dallas Metropolitan Choral Union of the NCGCC, Inc. 10th Anniversary (5 pm) Golden Gate B.C. 1101 Rev. CBT Smith St. Dallas, TX. Local gospel music artists and special guest, NCGCC National Pres Dr. Marabeth Gentry of St. Louis, MO.

During this Black Music Month, plan to adore our music genres, in person, via recordings or virtually. Then, think on President Obama's words: 'this music speaks to universal human emotion to imagine a better world and that we will get there together'. Imagine that !! Keep Ephesians 5:19-20 in your heart as you sing and make music from your heart, His heart.

May Peace Be Your Journey holla @ judyneal@comcast.net

day annual Fort Worth Coffee Festival in downtown Fort Worth and on Sunday, October 23, 2022, New Mount Rose will close our with a reunion musical and sanctuary dedication at 3:30pm

In 1982, Kirk Franklin served as the minister of music at Mt. Rose Baptist Church (now the New Mount Rose) at 11 years of age and skyrocketed from childhood prodigy to winning Grammys. In 1992, Kirk recorded his debut album and in 2022, Kirk Franklin is considered the King of Urban Gospel Music with 16 Grammys and over 40 Stellar Awards.

For more information on the celebration and dedication please contact Pastor Kyev Tatum at 817-966-7625, kptatum1@gmail.com

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2022 Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 6th through Thursday, June 9th, 2022 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. nightly

You are invited to attend East Saint Paul Baptist Church Vacation Bible School. We have classes for children and adults. Call the church at (817) 293-5067 for start time of the adult classes.

We invite you to join us at Sunday School starting at 9:30 a.m. followed by our Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11:0 a.m. At our 12:00 p.m. Noon Bible Study and Wednesday's we are studying the Deity of the Holy Spirit, which can be viewed at 12:05 p.m. on our website: espbc.com and on Face Book.

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To kick off the excitement. New Mount Rose voted on Sunday. May 15th. to dedicate their restored sanctuary into the Kirk Franklin Chapel in recognition of his leadership in the urban contemporary gospel music industry.

The entire community is invited to participate in the Reverend Milford L. Kelly 60th Anniversary Legacy Celebration and Dedication on October 21-23, 2022 in Fort Worth, Texas.

"This is a joy and privilege for us to do this and we are excited about who God is going to bring by the Kirk Franklin Chapel in the future. It's remarkable how God works things out," says Pastor Kyev P. Tatum, Sr., New Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church.

On Friday, October 21, 2022, the church will host the Legacy Luncheon to honor our heroes of the church. On Saturday, October 22, 2022, we will host our all

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Scientists are beginning to verify what many of us have known for a long time: most dads make a positive difference in the lives of their kids.

Kids who grow up with a father who is present and engaged are less likely to drop out of school or wind up in jail. When a dad has a close relationship with his children, they tend to have higher IQs, have fewer psychological problems, avoid high-risk behaviors (such as sex at a young age), and grow up to have high-paying jobs and healthy relationships.

Dads also play a key role in the faith lives of their children.

According to a detailed study conducted several decades ago, a father's church attendance has a much greater impact on the future attendance of his children than a mother's attendance. The study found that, if a father does not go to church, no matter how faithful his wife's attendance, only one child in 50 will become a regular worshipper.

On the other hand, if a father does go to church regularly, regardless of the practice of the mother, between two-thirds and three-quarters of their children will become churchgoers (regular or irregular). Even if a father goes irregularly to church, regardless of his wife's attendance, between a half and two-thirds of their children will come to church, as least occasionally, as adults.

Appreciating Your Dad

But fathers often don't hear how important they are to their children. Instead, TV shows and movies portray dads as superfluous or even bumbling idiots. Advertising campaigns accuse them of botching how they raise their children, especially their sons. And even Father's Day sermons, with titles such as "Man Up!" chide them for not measuring up to the Biblical standard of a "good dad."

We must always champions fatherhood and raise awareness that dads matter, even if he is no longer alive.

Prominent Fort Worth pastor spreading love in Uvalde

A prominent Fort Worth pastor is in Uvalde helping the community heal from School shooting tragedy.

The Rev. Kyev Tatum of the New Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church visited Uvalde as part of Operation Compassion, an effort by the faith community to help that city heal from the mass shooting that killed 19 kids and two teachers.

We felt it was our duty to come together and to do what we can to make this a moral outcry, as opposed to a political outcry," says Rev. Tatum. "When it's a moral outcry, you focus on the people. When it's political, you focus on the politics."

Tatum's church is teamed up with Faith Baptist Church in Uvalde to provide triage counseling and other support services to the community.

"The pastors wanted to make sure that in the middle of this void, that we're able to build a circle of compassion around Uvalde and just pour a lot of love into this city," Tatum says, "so that these people know that the world hurts with them; and together when we forgive, we'll be able to hit with them as well."

After making the five-hour drive from Fort Worth, the first thing that Tatum did was go into a mobile blood unit and donate blood.

"We know that the only thing that can replace that kind of void is love," says Tatum. "So I'm here to try to spread as much love as I can."

'Let your light so shine before men that they will see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Around the Community with Pastor Sharon Ford-Turner

Pic 1 & 2) Como Mother's Annual Day Brunch 2022; Pic 3) Minister Derek Locke Memorial Music Scholarship Foundation presented to McKinzi Jones. \$650.00

Special Father's Day Event: Father's Day Love To You: Sunday June 12, 2022 at 11:30am, Village Creek Wellness and Rehabilitation Center

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