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Selecting, Equipping and Releasing Prophetic Leaders

"Elijah's Prophetic Responsibility to Elisha"



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“Most of us planning leadership transitions aren't thinking about how differently the world will be for those coming after us.”

Sam Chand and Dale Bronner. PLANNING YOUR SUCCESSION: Preparing for Your Future



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Ultimately this false sense of immortality can hurt our leadership in three ways

- **We fail to train young leaders for now.**
- **We fail to train young leaders for expansion.**
- **We fail to train young leaders for our demise.**





“We must accept the need to select, equip and release leaders as a part of our prophetic call” -McBath



African American Church Context

Dr. Billingsley's quote in Mighty Like a River from Dr. Cecil Chip Murray of First A.M.E. of LA, "The days of coming to church for personal salvation are over. Congregations are pursuing not only personal salvation but social salvation."



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New Testament – Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2 Day of Pentecost

The New Testament text helps us understand the prophetic nature of the church was no different than what we see today. Relevance is not new to the church.

- **Pentecost was a crossing over social barriers in order to reach people and nations far from Jerusalem.**





- **The church immediately began to address the abject poverty of their day.**
- **They followed up with an extensive feeding program that produces the first deacons.**

“Leaders are only needed when there is a dynamic move to feed people!” - McBath



Old Testament - Elijah and Elisha

1 Kings 19.19, 2 Kings 2.1

There are three distinct issues to be addressed in the selection and formation of prophetic leaders in our ministries. They are:

1. **Character**- the moral, spiritual and emotional fiber of a man or woman.



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2. Competency - skill and ability along with willingness constitute competency.

3. Chemistry - the ability to walk with you and be happy about it could be termed, compatible chemistry.



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***Non traditionalism is
over rated and often
times becomes it's own
tradition - McBath***



Character

1. Honesty

2. Loyalty

3. Dependability

Elisha was tested again and again to determine character.



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Competency

In order to address the huge needs of our society the up and coming prophetic leader must be skilled. He or she must recognize the genuine need of the church for well trained leaders- not just seminarians.

1. Formal training (when required)



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2. Servant training - time serving or doing something they did not want to do

3. Communication training

You have to know what is your preferred mode of, frequency of and level of communication. This will be both a competency and a chemistry issue.



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Chemistry

- 1. Elisha seemed to be cut from the same cloth as Elijah**
- 2. Elisha shared the same core values of Elijah**
- 3. Elisha's destiny was tied up in Elijah's**



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