

“MAXIMIZING YOUR INFLUENCE”

Series: “Insight for the Journey,” part 11 of 16

Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 5:00 pm and

Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Big Idea: Each of us has influence that we are responsible to manage wisely.

Text: 2 Corinthians 8:16-24

Bullet: It’s amazing how much can be accomplished if you don’t care who gets the credit.

Luke 6:12-16

“One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles: Simon (whom he named Peter), his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.”

Luke 6:40

“A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.”

I. BE WILLING TO DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY AND _____

2 Corinthians 8:16

I thank God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you.

Exodus 18:14

When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, “What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?”

Exodus 18:15-16

Moses answered him, “Because the people come to me to seek God’s will. Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God’s decrees and laws.”

Exodus 18:17-18

Moses’ father-in-law replied, “What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone.”

Exodus 18:19-21

Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform. But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

Exodus 18:24

Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said.

II. SELECT PEOPLE WHO SHOW SIGNS OF _____.

1. A _____.

2 Corinthians 8:16-17

I thank God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you. For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative.

2. _____ for people.

1 Peter 4:8

Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers over a multitude of sins. {NASV}

3. Appropriate enthusiasm and _____.

2 Corinthians 8:17

For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative.

4. A positive _____.

2 Corinthians 8:18-22

And we are sending along with him the brother who is praised by all the churches for his service to the gospel. What is more, he was chosen by the churches to accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer in order to honor the Lord himself and to show our eagerness to help. We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men. In addition, we are sending with them our brother who has often proved to us in many ways that he is zealous, and now even more so because of his great confidence in you.