

The Nines

Troy Grambling

Usiah - pride led to his downfall

It's never about YOU - its about the gifts God has given you

Pride is seeping in - when we grow impatient with most people

The most difficult area to hear the truth is the area(s) we struggle with the most

Pride is seeping in when we have to tell others how important we are (titles in particular)

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People join your team because of you and leave your team because of you

People may join or leave your team because of your vision and mission

People may join or leave your team because of your teammates

Bryan Carter

Re: taking over a ministry

Learn to live with a shadow

Be yourself

Learn to be patient

It takes 5 to 7 years to become a church's pastor - after you've walked through life with them

Anne Jackson

does working or serving in a church interfere with your communion with Christ?

is anything you're doing - interfering with your communion and relationship with Christ?

"apart from me you can do nothing"

God is always your provision

Step out and make the changes necessary in your life to have a complete relationship with God

Dave Ferguson

What do I do to develop another leader?

5 step leadership process

- I do, you watch (meet and talk about it)

- I do, you help

- You do, I help

- You do, I watch

- You do, and someone else watches

If you follow these steps - you'll never lack leaders

Scott Hodge

Stay close to Jesus

Pray that I hear God's voice everyday

Have the faith and encourage to obey

The priority of my day, week, month and year is to hear God's voice

If I'm not hearing from God then I'm missing the point

Take breaks and walk away as often as you can - trust God to handle it while you're gone

Give the most important time of your day to God

Follow and obey God with courage and faith

Perry Noble

Left his church sign/logo up the next to him the whole time

A movement of God cannot be planned but it must be prepared for

We can't duplicate what other churches are doing

Leadership is as easy as listening to God

The biggest mistakes come when we refuse to listen

Scheduling a revival is ridiculous

God moves how he wants when he wants

Skye Jethani

The daisy cutter doctrine

The sound and shockwave of the bomb intimidates the enemy

We believe that the larger the impact, the more legitimate we are

It sucks the joy out of us

The unspoken judgment - if your impact is not big its not legitimate

A lack of tangible output does not mean we're doing things wrong

Root our ministry in doing the will of The Father

Lets root our legitimacy in the fact that we're sons and daughters of our Father

If outcomes are in God's hands - quit judging our legitimacy by our outcomes or judging the legitimacy of others by their outcomes

Abandon the outcome to the Lord

Steve Robinson

After Katrina planned a \$32 million building campaign then the economy collapsed

Pressure shows what kind of leader you are

-- Is he suggesting that in pressure you should stick to your \$32 million building campaign to prove your a leader?

Stand in faith? Hold your peace

Stacy Spencer

We need to look out for people who have fallen in unpopular times

Stick up for one another

Make some pit stops help out those who have made mistakes

Do for folks what you would want them to do for you

When you help someone who's stuck it helps you

"You shouldn't look down on anyone unless you are trying to help them UP!"

Scott Wilson

Left the church logo on the entire video

Pastors need to come alongside people to help them discover their calling

To equip people in what they're called to do

"I'm not here to do the ministry - I'm here to equip the people of God"

How many can your team lead right now - exactly what you're leading now

my goal is that everyone on staff is not doing the work - but leading others to do the work

year one - model what the leadership growing culture should look like

If you dont grow you need to go

year three - multiply it

- sounds like he's developing an Amway plan

Amy Hanson

missed most her video

don't ignore the ministry of senior saints

help people finish well

help people live lives focused on Christ all the way up to the end of life

Dino Rizzo

has music playing in the background?

Phil 3 - I want to know Christ and the fellowship of his suffering

1. Know Christ

2. Know the people you serve

- what hurts them - must hurt you

3. Know your partnerships

4. Know the poor

Create a revolution by serving the lost, the marginalized

RT @tallskinnykiwi: #thenines I like how Dino makes the conversation about THE PEOPLE and not about his church. well done!

Keld Dahlmann
Know your must win battles
Know your context
Embrace your local context

Jorge Acevedo
Prayed send us the people nobody wants
Got the working class
A new metric for our church - is the crime rate going down in the city?
If our church goes away will the crime rate go back up?
Any church that has a heart - has a heart for the poor
The evidence is in the lives of the people who have been transformed
Do we preach that Jesus can transform your life but not offer the places and ways for people to get better?
Do we offer God honoring ways for the outside to match the inside?

Nancy Beach
Many leaders display a lack of love and humility
As people get closer to them they see less of Jesus and not more
Very rarely does truth get spoken to us as leaders
"Above all else - guard your heart"
1. Practice spiritual exercises
2. Find safe relationships - people we can confess to and who will speak truth to us
3. Find stretching experiences
Have your heart touched by the least of these
Rub shoulders with those who Jesus said represent him

Steven Furtick
Reading through the Bible in 90 days - I have trouble in a year
The entertaining parts of the Bible are Gods ways of appologizing for Leviticus
Don't believe in full-time ministry - there's no such thing as part-time ministry because Jesus died a full time death -- if you know him you should be doing full-time ministry
The brook dries up for Elijah
Why? Did Elijah disobey? Did Elijah question God?
There was no water in the brook because Elijah prayed and said there would be no rain.
He did exactly what God told him to do and the brook dried up.
God sent him on and led Elijah to the widow and then Mt Carmel - because the brook dried up
When God allows a brook to dry up its to move you to a new level and new dimension of ministry
Build on what remains
When the brook dries up its often because he has another level and dimension of ministry ahead.

Reggie McNeal
re: missionality
We need to look at the church as a who - not a what
There's no designation in the New Testament smaller than a city
Viewing the church as a who helps us move into an incarnational mindset
Christians everywhere are incarnated with Jesus
We have a job to be a blessing to the world
We must partner with God
Church doesn't have a mission. The mission has a church. The mission is God's mission.
We don't own the mission - the mission predates the church
Offer intentional acts of blessing - ask people "How can I ask God to bless you?"
It's not just serving its being intentional about being the blessing as God's people

When we move into an incarnational mindset everything changes
God sent people out to the world -- people outside "the line" to be a blessing
Wherever you are -- that's your place to be a blessing
Partner with God in his redemptive message for the world
"Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
RT @knightopia: "It's not just an outward focus, it's a redemptive focus." -@ReggieMcNeal on missional church #thenines

Noel Heikkinen
If you deprive the moth of the struggle - you deprive the moth of its ability to fly
God's set up a tiny hole to force the fluid from our bloated egos to be forced out of us so the church can fly
Elders are that small hole in the church
Churches spend years looking for a pastor and then only weeks searching for elders

Craig Groeschel
to reach people no one is reaching - do things that no one is doing
frustration: we don't do that at lifechurch - or we always do that at lifechurch
values are constant - culture must evolve
help people see themselves as spiritual innovators
from the bottom up - not top down
when you delegate tasks you create followers
when you delegate authority you create empowerment
release volunteers so the Body of Christ can make a difference
do ministry out of the overflow of the spirit of God
starting to spend more time in God's word - prayer
journaling what God shows me

Len Sweet
Sept 8
Michaelangelo's David sculpture was unveiled
Michaelangelo gave David a big head to keep the perspective right
The more successful you get - the bigger your head gets and the more you have to keep people at your feet
The right spirit is confidence - we can do all things through Christ - and humility - a broken and contrite heart
Confident humility
The Jesus spirit :: Have the courage to bring "I have no limits with God" alongside "I can do nothing on my own"
You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free
The key to a big head is a big heart
The solution to a big head is a big heart

Teresa McBean
With a mixed background (working in a SBC church plant)...
Challenge your assumptions
Not all spiritual people go to church and not all church people are spiritual
Be a people who tell ourselves the truth - all the time
about our church, our programming, our people
How are we doing on the journey? Are we letting things slip in that are damaging us?
How can we ask crack addicts, pedophiles, others to trust God and allow his grace to transform them - if I'm not doing the same thing.

Greg Surratt
Innovation grows out of desperation
1. the beginning is when you hit a wall

2. you get discouraged
its ok to sit on the pitty potty as long as you dont get ring around the hiney
3. trust God
4. start asking barrier breaking questions
whatever you do - do it until it stops working - every good idea has an expiration date

Rick Rusaw

How can we be the best church for our community

The church has disengaged

weve lost our ability to engage in our public schools

RT @RevScottie: The church has in essence told public schools to "go to Hell" - Rick Rusaw #thenines

RT @churchrequel: #thenines Rick Rusaw - many churches have disengaged from community / culture. 66% of Americans: "Churches have little or no value to them."

RT @nottierus: "By taking our Christian students and teachers out of public schools, we've in essence said to them, 'Go to hell!' " -Rick Rusaw #thenines

David Swanson

we are deeply afraid people might find out who we really are - so we grow isolated and we cut ourselves off

we wound the bride of Christ when we do that

we need to desire to lift up the bride of Christ - just like Christ did

your public persona and your personal life with Christ have to match up

who's mentoring you?

are you protecting your marriage? our marriage reflects to the world our relationship with Christ.

one of the great gifts you can give your ministry is the abundant life in Christ and finding agreement with your private life

Bil Cornelius

utilize great mentors

Moses mentored Joshua

read books from people who have done what you want to do - practitioners

go to the right conferences - not always the popular conferences

take advantage of coaching

line up meetings with the people in front of you

take leaders to lunch - go where they are

do what they tell you to do - before you meet with them again

-- if your church is 200 or less - sounds like you need a mentor and a coach - you're just not successful
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Margaret Feinburg

thank you for your faithful service

asking everyday people - shepherd, farmers, etc how they read scripture

how does a shepherd interpret the lost sheep

caring for God's people is truly a labor of love

Pete Wilson - @pwilson

we have a crisis of transformation - they're attending our church and programs but they're not being transformed

there's very little difference between Christians and non-Christians

we haven't cast vision of the kind of life Christians are called to

we've reduced spiritual transformation down to church attendance - not loving God and love other people

told the story about his son peeing in the pool

my son did what I said - trust what Jesus really said

Vision

Intension - learn to own their own spiritual life

Method - there's a rhythm and method to Jesus' life

Walter August Jr

continue to pray and seek Gods will

don't pray in the singular - pray in the plurality so that God will move around the world

when people come to me for counseling - I ask "have you spent some time in prayer yourself?"

be committed one to another

worship God for what he's done

forget about titles and academic experience

Go out and tell the world how good God is

Jon Tyson

ministry is not about technique

missed most of his message :-(

Larry Osborne

Lets not rip on the ride of the past

in the end we win. lets be confident in that

Matt Croder

unbelievers sees Christians and says there's no difference between them and the world

people far from God are more open and honest about their sin than Christians

what's keeping us from seeing the fruit of repentance in our lives?

confess your sins before the Lord he is faithful and just to cleanse us

James 5:16- but also confess it to one another and pray for one another - you will be healed.

the question is not do you struggle with something - it's how deep is your struggle

Scott Williams

church diversity sucks

Sunday is still the segregated day and hour of the week

embrace diversity and not just tolerate it

have a conversation with God for your church to be a church that embraces diversity

have a conversation with our staff - what does diversity look like in our church

when people walk into the doors of a church - they look around to see if there are other people like them

we need to see change and life in our churches - have the tough conversation

church diversity sucks - but it doesn't have to

may we not look up 40 years from now and see that the same thing MLK preached about is not true

does the sign on your church door really say "everyone welcome"?

Niel Cole

do nothing out of selfish conceit

Jesus didn't see equality with God as something worth holding on to

humility is not thinking of yourself at all and lifting others up

what would happen if all the churches and leaders started lifting others up more than others?

have the spirit of Christ on you and in you that people notice

will people see Jesus in our lives?

we need to live the spirit of Jesus whether we're a leader or not - be a servant.

Reggie Joiner

fight for your sons and your daughters

dont get so busy in ministry for you to fight for your sons and daughters and wife

your ministry comes from your ministry to your own family

60-80% of youth who have grown up in church programs are dropping out of church

they need to see God in a different way

wouldn't it be great if those on the outside changed their opinion about God because of what was

happening on the inside

Bill Esom

your legacy is not what you leave behind but who you leave behind
set your own agenda based on your own call and vision

JD Greer

the center of our ministries has to be the proclamation of the Gospel
the Gospel is to declare that the battle is won
dont confuse teh effects of the Gospel with the actual Gospel
everything Paul talked about was tied back to doing what God has done for you
Acts 9 - is there much joy in the city because of our church?
would people weep if your church died?
may the Gospel be center - may we signify that with radical love in our community
"we may not believe what they believe - but thank God they're here"
love is the most apologetic force for the gospel

Geof Surratt

How to keep your faith while working on church staff
you need ministry free zones
go to church - sit and worship with your family
be in a small group
prioritize personal worship
grow your faith
give generously
serve on a mission - what are you doing to serve in areas outside your church/ministry?
volunteer - for other areas of ministry
forgive others

Jenni Catron

"We have shrunk Jesus to the size where He can save our soul, but not where He can change the world."
we have the opportunity to impact and direct the giving of Americans
we CAN change the world

Mark Batterson

good ideas are good but God ideas are greater
everything that exists was once an idea in someones mind
gives an exexample of how the city of Washington DC was laid out
"take every thought captive and make them obedient to God"
realize the positive possibilities
the best ideas aren't the by-products of planning
created a Christmas catalog for missions

Rich Nathan

why can't we be both and
why can't we focus on both poverty and pro-life issues?
care for the unborn as well as their already born brothers, sisters, mothers etc
there's a great divorce between evangelism and social justice
we must live horizontally and vertically
love your neighbor and God

Dr Chand

whats the difference between the mega-church leader and the average church leader
the greatest difference is your pain threshold
you will only grow to the threshold of your pain

Dan Kimball

tradition should never get in the way of mission or it is sin

you can develop traditions in your church
people are more important than tradition
we still need to teach about the urgency of eternity
people are worth it

Mark DeMaz

multi-ethnic church is biblical
its not about ethnic reconciliation - but reconciling people to God
the last thing you want to do is split your church in the name of multi-ethnic diversity

Jim Tamberlin

9 myths about multi-site

- just a fad -- 2000 churches have embraced this model
- multi-site is a vehicle for celebrity pastors
- multi-site is video driven model -- only 1/3 are strictly video
- multi-site model is a space solution
- multi-site is not incarnational or communal -- the experience is typically just the opposite
- multi-site is a church growth engine -- its a growth vehicle for growing churches - won't jump start church growth
- multi-site is not church planting -- regardless of the strategy, as far as the local community is concerned, there's a new congregation in the area
- video teaching wont work in my church -- churches embrace it quickly its not about the medium its about the message
- multi-site exhibits developing gifted teachers -- it can be but it can also be used to build up a teaching team

Chip Henderson

take care of yourself

assume the responsibility of taking care of yourself

if your sick, sideways and jacked up - you'll produce people who are sick, sideways and jacked up

look in the eyes of your wife to see what kind of man you are.

Jud Wilhite

manage the small details of your life

character failures dont happen overnight

plan for the assassin of character creep

keep your pants up, stay out of the hottub and you'll stay out of trouble by default

opporate by the media mode - dont do anything today you wouldnt be comfortable in seeing on the front page of the paper tomorrow

Brian McLaren

I don't think Kingdom of God is all about going to heaven

he doesn't teach us to pray may we come to your kingdom when we die

theology and practice are completely related

people take for granted that they've got the right theology and they just need better practice

every indicator of well being is going up while the church is growing in numbers

we keep counting success as more butts in seats - but poverty is getting worse, the environment is getting worse, we still havent abolished nuclear weapons

be an agent of the Kingdom of God as an engineer, a politician, businessman

the Gospel is not an evacuation plan - its a transformation plan

the measure is not how many people are inside but how many people are being transformed on the outside.

Bob Roberts Jr

For the Gospel to be a worldwide movement we have to make it accessible to everyone

we have to be able to explain our faith in a way that the entire world can get it

Brad Bell

the word of God has got to do something in us
if we want our people to bleed - we have to hemorrhage
cultivate that time with the Lord
an iPhone (blackberry) can invade every aspect of your life
the most important ministry you have is your spouse
RT @jonahandjude: Brad Bell: The greatest church you pastor is the church at home. #thenines

John Ortberg

disciples are hand crafted - not mass produced

Judy West

she works with Body Language
there are a lot of Jesus' teachings that can make an impact - body language is one that has to start top
down
if you're talking about Jesus and beating your wife in the kitchen - it doesn't work

Rick McKinley

bears his heart about his being honest about his weight/food issue
showing people that I need Jesus as much or more than they do really shows the power of the Gospel
"What I want to proclaim as a leader is that Jesus is my hope."
"What people are longing for is access to our own hearts, stories and journey."
As pastors, we need the Courage of vulnerability and humility.*I* need the gospel as much as YOU need
the gospel. -Rick McKinley #thenines

Ed Stetzer

Mission is not about you
the heart is an idol factory
the opposite of mission is self
talk frequently about God's glory
focus on the Lord of the work -- not the work of the lord
we need an encounter with God that changes us
we need to encounter God so we can be on mission for God
leading a church -- that has not encountered God -- to be on mission for God -- is a failure
those on mission reflect being with God
people need to be able to say "they've been with Jesus"
those on mission no longer live for themselves