

HOW TO CHOOSE APOSTOLIC TEAM MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION

- It is not easy. Three things are essential: prayer • care • time
- A mistake in this area can destroy a life-time of ministry.
 - Proverbs 16:2 (Amp)
 - I Corinthians 4:5 (NIV)
- CRITERIA FOR CHOOSING

I. Prayer

- A. We must hear the voice of God in our choice.
1. Only God can see the heart – I Samuel 16:7; John 2:25; I Corinthians 4:5
 2. Prayer is a time to wait on God to reveal the motives and intentions of people.
- B. Jesus Prayed
1. Luke 6:12-13 (NLT)
 2. Jesus was never in haste in His choice. – Matthew 12:1-5
 - a. Commanded is diatasso.
 - b. Matthew 11:1 shows how important this was for Jesus.
- C. Jesus Chose people by the Spirit, not the flesh.

II. Choose by the Spirit and Not in a Time of Stress.

- A. I Chronicles 12:16-18
- B. Compare Numbers 11:14-17
1. Moses was stressed out.
 - a. He simply gathered the 70 that the people chose.
 - b. Numbers 11:24
 2. David questioned those who came to him and got a commitment from them.
- C. Eventually, David's Team brought him to his full destiny and helped to keep him there.
- You will never go farther than your staff can take you!
- D. Moses' 70 Elders all died in the wilderness and kept him from his "promised land" by their murmuring and disloyalty.

III. Know Your Apostolic Team Members.

- A. Numbers 11:16 (Amp)
- I Thessalonians 5:12a
- B. Know – have a relationship with – those on your Apostolic Team.
1. Never bring someone onto your team unless you know and are comfortable with him/her.

2. Paul knew Timothy's heart.

a. Philippians 2:20 – "like-minded"

b. Philippians 2:22-23

IV. Every Apostolic Team Member Must Carry Your Heart and Ministry Load.

A. Numbers 11:17

B. First, they must have your spirit – your anointing, complimentary gifts.

C. Second, they must have your heart – your vision, passion, attitude.

- God can give them your anointing; you must give them your heart.

D. Third, they must be willing to bear the burden and share the load.