

THREE KEYS TO EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

ENTHUSIASM (YOU FILL UP)

The word enthusiasm derives from two words: *en* "in" + *theos* "god." It means to be filled with God or inspired by God. Jesus said: *"Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."* By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. John 7:38-39. As ministry leaders and team members, everything we do needs to be an overflow of the Holy Spirit who fills us. It is vitally important that we are taking time daily to be filled with God. We are to nourish ourselves on the bread of life. We are to be filled with the Spirit. Time with God is the only way to be filled by Him. The core practices/habits of Sabbath, prayer, scripture, solitude, silence, worship, and praise fill us up with God.

EXPRESSION (YOU POUR OUT)

Ministering to others is a pouring out of the love of Christ. We pour out when we serve, when we give, and when we help those in need. Pouring out needs to be motivated only by love. We pour out in order to serve others and to bring glory to God. Serving is never about performance. It is never about self-promotion. Service must always be about adding value to the lives of others. Demonstrating God's love for them by the way we sacrificially serve them.

EVALUATE (YOU GET BETTER)

Healthy leaders and healthy teams constantly evaluate their effectiveness. Our goal is to always improve. We want to eliminate anything that impedes us from accomplishing our mission, and we want to elevate anything that helps us get closer to our goal. We're about mission, not method. We are always willing to alter our methods to better serve our mission.