

What Comes Next?

What Changes: Programs

Scripture Reading: Acts 6:1–7



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- What Stays the Same
 - Principles: Importance of Family, PTLF
 - Priorities: Significance, Stewardship, Sacrifice
 - Participation: Everyone has a Gift; Every Gift is Needed
- What Changes
 - Personnel: Do You Have a Succession Plan?
 - Programs
 - Personal Mission Statement

Definition of “Program”



A Cooperative Effort
Designed to Fulfill a
Ministry Need

Do We Need Programs?

- **Biblical Examples of Programs**
 - Moses and the Tabernacle (Exodus 25–31)
 - David and the Temple (1 Chronicles 22–27)
 - The Apostles and the Hellenist Women (Acts 6)
- **The Purpose of Programs**
 - A Cooperative Effort Designed to Fulfill a Ministry Need

Moses and the Tabernacle

- Ministry Purpose Determined Request for Donations (Asked for Specific Contributions)
- Detailed Instructions for Construction of Tabernacle and Objects for the Tabernacle (Ark of the Covenant, Table for Show Bread, Lampstand, etc.)
- Appointment of Specific People to Oversee Carrying Out the Instructions (Bezalel and Oholiab)

David and the Temple

- Personal Investment
- Succession Plan (Solomon)
- Organizational Structure (Levites, Priests, Musicians and Singers, Gatekeepers, Treasures, Judges, Military)

The Apostles and the Hellenist Women

- Ministry Need Identified
- Priorities Determined
- Concerned Leaders Appointed (Roman or Greek Names)

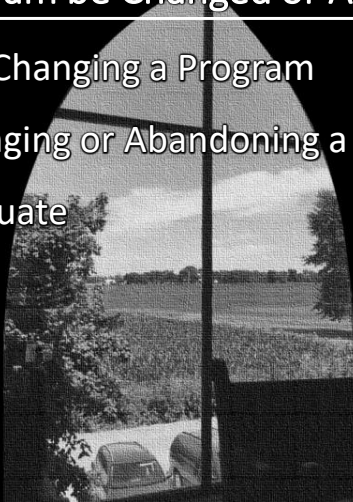
What Programs Should We Have?

- Does a Need Exist?
- Do We Have the Resources to Meet the Need?
- Are We Neglecting a Greater Need?



Can a Program be Changed or Abandoned?

- Reasons for Not Changing a Program
- Reasons for Changing or Abandoning a Program
- The Need to Evaluate



Reasons for Not Changing a Program

- Many Kinds of Needs Persist across Generational and Cultural Lines
- Familiarity and Efficiency Gained through Repetition
- Danger: Lose Sight of Purpose. Illustration: Stop Sign/Light in Mendota

Reasons for Changing or Abandoning a Program

- Need No Longer Exists (e.g.: MDS/MCC, Peace and Service)
- Changes in Culture/Target Audience (e.g.: VBS)
- Resources Needed for a Greater Need

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Who Decides?



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