

Iowa/Minnesota District Retreat
LEADERSHIP RELEVANCE FOR THE LONG HAUL
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INTRODUCTION:

- Relevant churches require relevant _____.
- Definition: “ _____ to the matter at hand.”
- Genuine relevance is a _____, not a _____,
I Corinthians 9:19-27.

KEYS TO STAYING RELEVANT:

- Want it badly enough that you are willing to _____ the _____.
 - “There is no growth without _____. There is no change without _____. There is no loss without _____.” --Rick Warren
- Keep _____—Recognize that what got you _____ won't get you _____.

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)

If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success.

- _____ strategies won't work in _____ world.
- Learn to lead _____. Four kinds of people:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

Leading followers isn't that hard.

- _____ young leaders—Give away the _____ to the house.

1 Timothy 4:12-13 (NIV)

¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. ¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

- Focus on timeless _____ and lean on younger people for changing _____.

1 Chronicles 12:32 (NIV)

(The) men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do...

- You can't be _____ on everything, but you have to be connected to _____ who are.
- Be **AUTHENTIC**.
 - You can _____ people from a distance, but to _____ them you have to get close.
- Age your _____ (from "Fathered by God" by John Edredge):
 - _____—Childhood, where we learn we are the apple of our Father's eye, Psalm 17:8.
 - _____—Adolescence, a time of exploration and experimentation, Luke 2:52.
 - _____—Early adulthood, when we enter into battle in the pursuit of our goals, Psalm 45:3.
 - _____—Middle adulthood, the period where we really learn to love and be loved, Song of Solomon 3:4.
 - _____—Middle to later adulthood, the time of life when we are entrusted to have people under our authority, Psalm 115:16. (Important point: a person can't be trusted to be a king/queen if they haven't learned to be a lover because we will use our power and resources for ourselves instead of for the benefit of others)

- _____—Later adulthood, at this stage we are most relevant when we pour our lives into other kings/queens, Proverbs 20:29.

CONCLUSION: I Samuel 18:5-9, A sad story of a slide into irrelevance...

WHAT IF SAUL HAD BACKED DAVID INSTEAD OF OPPOSING HIM?

- David would have become a _____ leader _____.
- Saul would have been a more _____ leader _____.
- Israel would have experienced _____ and _____.

Concluding thought: The leader who really wants to remain relevant will avoid _____ and lean into _____.