

Building Into Up and Coming Leaders

I. Introduction

A. Transforming ordinary people into extraordinary Followers of Christ.

II. What Does It Mean to be “An Extraordinary Follower of Christ?”

A. Commitment to Christ

- Received Christ as Lord and Savior (Born Again)
- Water baptized
- Worshipper of God
- Obedience to Christ and His Word

B. Commitment to His Church

- Membership (Newcomer's class)
- Consistent attendance
- Small group participation
- Giving of Finances
- Serving

C. Commitment to His Cause

- Sharing your faith
- Being an inviter
- Leading and discipling others
- Ministering to others
- Ministering to the poor
- Local and global outreach

III. Building Into Up and Coming Leaders

A. Envisioning

1. 1 Tim. 4:14-16 (NLT) ¹⁴Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you. ¹⁵Give your complete attention to these matters. Throw yourself into your tasks so that everyone will see your progress. ¹⁶Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.
2. 1 Tim. 4:12 (NLT) Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

B. Availability

1. Mark 1:35-37 (NLT) ³⁵Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. ³⁶Later Simon and the others went out to find him. ³⁷When they found him, they said, “Everyone is looking for you.”

C. Modeling

1. Mark 10:45 (NAS) *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*
2. 1 Thess. 5:14 (NLT) *Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.*

D. Love

1. 1 Thess. 2:7-8 (NLT) *⁷As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you. Or we were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. ⁸We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.*

IV. Conclusion