

Moving from Successful to Significant August 22, 2010

- I. A. You may be successful, but are you significant?
- a. Success is determined by man, significance is determined by God
 - b. To become significant, you have to become bi-directional. You must learn to reach up and reach out at the same time.
 - c. Many people and organizations reach out.
 - d. Others reach up.
 - e. We must reach up with one hand and touch God, and with the other hand reach out and touch this hurting world.
 - i. Job 9:32-33
 - ii. 1 Timothy 2:5
 - f. One without the other is not adequate.
 - g. You can't biblically reach out without reaching up. You can't biblically reach up without reaching out.
- B. What are God's thoughts toward the poor?
- a. NIV mentions the poor 177 times.
 - b. KJV mentions the poor 205 times.
 - c. Leviticus 23:22 NIV
 - d. Leviticus 25:35 NIV
 - e. Deut. 15:7-11 NIV
 - f. 2 Corinthians 9:6-9
 - g. Deut. 24:12-15 NIV
 - h. 1 Samuel 2:8 NIV
 - i. Isaiah 41:17 NIV
 - j. Isaiah 61:1 NIV
 - k. Proverbs 19:17 NIV
 - l. Exodus 22:22-23 NIV
 - m. Deut. 10:17-18 NIV
 - n. Psalm 68:4-5 NIV
 - o. Psalm 146:9 NIV

- p. Isaiah 1:17 NIV
- q. 1 Tim. 5:3-4 NIV
- r. James 1:27 NIV
- s. Three Responsibilities for the Christian
 - 1) Look after **orphans**.
 - 2) Look after **widows**.
 - 3) Keep from being **polluted** by the world.

II. A. Reaching Your City

- a. Matthew 16:18 NKJV
- b. Matthew 5:13, 14 NKJV
- c. Matthew 25:34-40 NKJV
- d. Luke 16:19-26 NKJV

III. Transitioning from Maintenance to Missional

A. What is maintenance?

- 1. To keep or keep up; **continue** **in** or with; carry on, **keep** **in** **original** **condition**
- 2. To keep in existence or continuance

B. Three goals your church should have.

- 1. **Start** Goals
- 2. **Continue** Goals
- 3. **Stop** Goals

C. What is missional?

- 1. A **sending** **out** or being sent out with **authority** to perform a special service
 - a) Is your **mission** from God?
 - b) Do you feel you have **divine** **authority**?
- 2. The special duty or function for which someone is sent as a **messenger** or **representative**.

You **Represent** God!

D. Is your ministry maintenance or missional?

If you were moving to your city, would you attend the church you pastor?

- E. Twelve Questions to identify your status.
- F. Six Types of Churches
1. Evangelism – (Willow Creek/Bill Hybels, Andy Stanley)
Encounter with **God**
 2. Teaching – (Saddleback/Rick Warren, John McArthur)
Encounter with **Word of God**
 3. Community – (Vineyard Churches)
Encounter with **others/relationships**
 4. Traditional – (James Kennedy)
Encounter with **the past/heritage**
 5. Revival – (John Hagee; Rod Parsley)
Encounter with **the Power of God**
 6. Renewal – (Jack Hayford)
Encounter with **the Presence of God**

IV. 3 Common Traps

1. Believing that yesterday's solution will solve today's problem
2. Assuming present trends will continue
3. Neglecting the opportunities offered by future change
 - There exists no virtue in change for the sake of change.
 - Change must be **Spirit-led**, **Word-centered**, and **goal-directed** in order to be effective.