

Tripod & the Church

Stativ & die Kirche

How to create healthy growth in the Church?

Wie kann ein gesundes Wachstum in der Kirche
geschaffen werden?

ELEMENTE FÜR APOSTOLISCHES WACHSTUM

Die folgenden Elemente werden einen erneuten apostolischen Schub in der Kirche bewirken:

1. Freiheit im Geist
2. Geistige Ältestenschaft
3. Beziehung

All diese müssen unter der Herrschaft Jesu funktionieren, gemäß seinem Wort und seinem Willen.



FREEDOM IN THE SPIRIT

Every individual, from the youngest to the oldest, must have freedom in the Spirit to hear and obey the word of the Lord. This opens up creativity for Him to initiate among us anything He wants to do.

We should teach our people, "You can hear God's voice...but you also must obey it and step out to trust Him to do the impossible." The steps are: (1) God gives revelation, (2) we interpret the revelation and (3) we apply what we understand. We may make mistakes sometimes in our interpretation or application, but that's okay-that is how we learn. Often the young and inexperienced hear God most clearly, for they do not yet believe that it can't be done!

It is important that individuals have this freedom in the Spirit to hear and obey God, but this is not done in a vacuum or independently. Otherwise you can end up with the "tyranny of one." This is where it becomes important to understand how spiritual leadership works.



- FREIHEIT IM GEISTE

- Jeder Einzelne, von den Jüngsten bis zu den Ältesten, muss im Geist die Freiheit haben, das Wort des Herrn zu hören und ihm zu gehorchen. Das eröffnet ihm Kreativität, um unter uns alles zu initiieren, was er tun will.

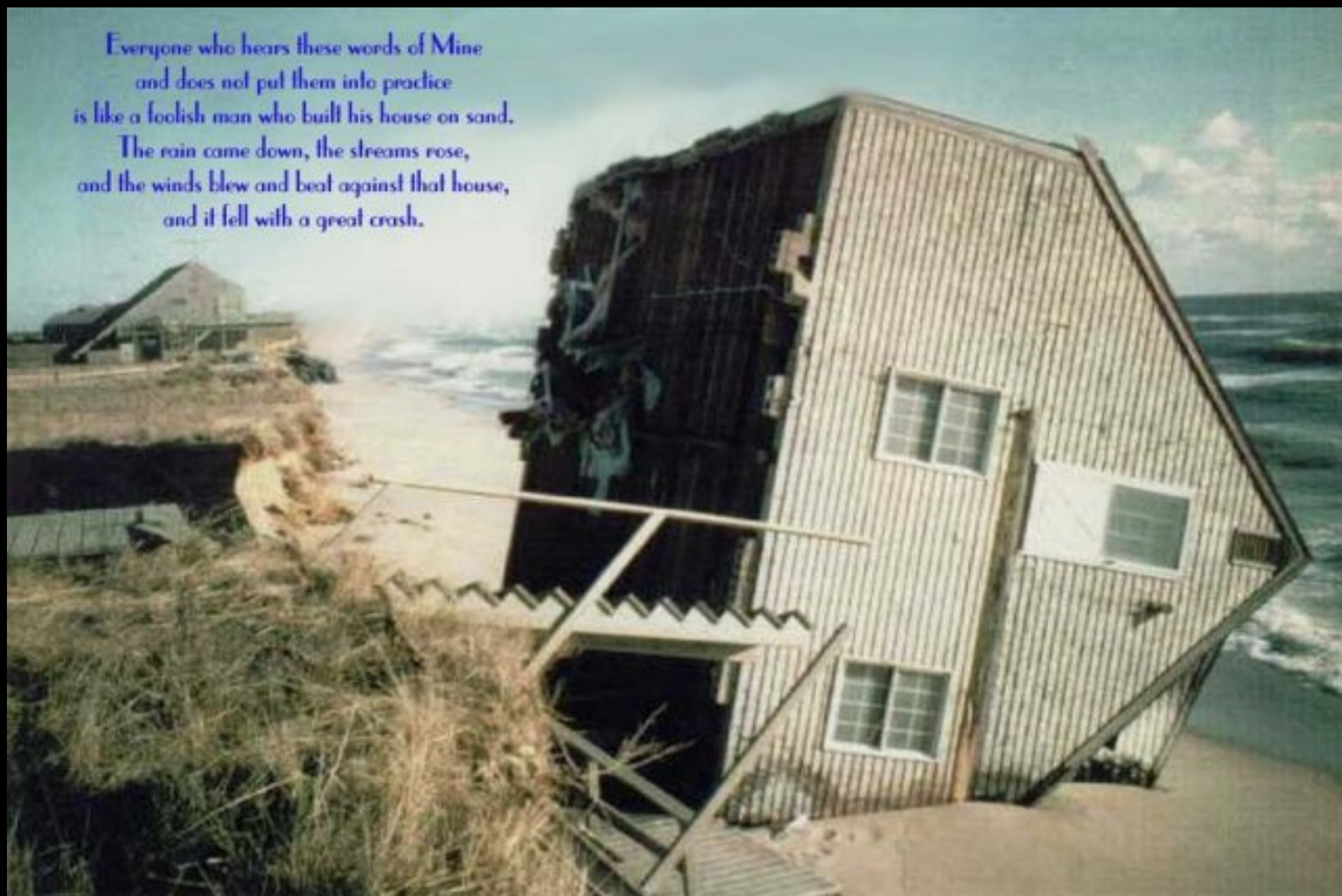
- Matthew 7:21 NIV
- [21] “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
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- Matthew 7:24-25 NIV
- [24] “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. [25] The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.
- »Darum gleicht jeder, der meine Worte hört und danach handelt, einem klugen Mann, der sein Haus auf felsigen Grund baut. Wenn dann ein Wolkenbruch niedergeht und die Wassermassen heranfluten und wenn der Sturm tobt und mit voller Wucht über das Haus hereinbricht, stürzt es nicht ein; es ist auf felsigen Grund gebaut.”

- Matthew 7:26-27 NIV
- [26] But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. [27] The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”
- “Jeder aber, der meine Worte hört und nicht danach handelt, gleicht einem törichten Mann, der sein Haus auf sandigen Boden baut. Wenn dann ein Wolkenbruch niedergeht und die Wassermassen heranfluten und wenn der Sturm tobt und mit voller Wucht über das Haus hereinbricht, stürzt es ein und wird völlig zerstört.«”
- Matthäus 7:26-27 NGU2011

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SPIRITUAL ELDERSHIP

Elders are not necessarily older in age (Timothy, a youth, was an elder). But elders have a breadth and depth of experience and spiritual maturity, and they fulfill the leadership criteria outlined in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1.

True elders are submitted to the Lordship of Jesus and to their followers, as servant leaders. They have a responsibility to God in prayer any word that is submitted to them by an individual, and also to test it according to the scriptures. This trust is sacred, and they should receive this new, baby vision like a grandparent would receive a grandchild. God's heart is broken when new vision is stomped on by leadership; He says, "it would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck..." Luke 17:2 (NRSV).

According to Timothy and Titus, spiritual leaders must be hospitable. The Greek word for hospitable, "xenophilo," means "a lover of the new, the strange, the different." Thus they are open-hearted toward new vision and pioneer projects, asking God "show us if this word is conceived by You and give us the timing



I believe every church ministry should have spiritual eldership. Even small teams going on short-term outreach should identify who the leaders are and lay their hands on them and pray for God's anointing (Acts 13:1-3 and Exodus 40:15). These individuals, as well as those serving over them in leadership, should take seriously their mandate to seek the Lord on behalf of the people and bless them (Numbers 6:22-27).

There is nothing in this concept of spiritual leadership that says one person is better than another. God calls us to salute the dignity, value and equality of every person we come into contact with. Whether you have the ministry of an apostle or the ministry of helps, everyone is equal. The functions are different, but every ministry is equal in value to every other ministry.



Teamcoaching- / Mentoring-Rollen

Eph 4: 11-13

Apostel

Propheten

Evangelisten

Pastoren

Lehrer

During the 1970s, there was widespread abuse of the concept of "eldership" among the body of Christ. One teaching defined eldership in a way that sanctioned extreme control over individuals lives and possessions.

Spiritual elders are to lead primarily through prayer, influence and relationship, not through control. One of the main ways this is done is through teaching. According to 1 Timothy 3, a leader must be "able to teach."

RELATIONSHIP

John 17:20-21 NIV

[20] "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, [21] that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

“»Ich bete aber nicht nur für sie, sondern auch für die Menschen, die auf ihr Wort hin an mich glauben werden. Ich bete darum, dass sie alle eins sind – sie in uns, so wie du, Vater, in mir bist und ich in dir bin. Dann wird die Welt glauben, dass du mich gesandt hast.”

Johannes 17:20-21 NGU2011

<https://www.bible.com/108/jhn.17.20-21.r>



RELATIONSHIP BEZIEHUNG

“Denkt zum Vergleich an den ‘menschlichen’ Körper! Er stellt eine Einheit dar, die aus vielen Teilen besteht; oder andersherum betrachtet: Er setzt sich aus vielen Teilen zusammen, die alle miteinander ein zusammenhängendes Ganzes bilden. Genauso ist es bei Christus.”

I. Korinther 12:12 NGU2011

I Corinthians 12:12 NIV

[12] The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.





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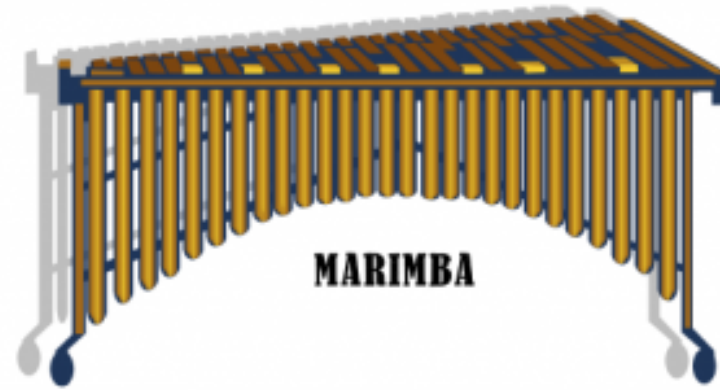
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- Jesus said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers among the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all" (Mark 10:42-44).

Leaders who controls people with clenched hands will produce followers who will one day shake their clenched fists back at them. This kind of hierarchical leadership is not kingdom authority. Inevitably it will produce rebellion.

Instead, if you lead in an open-handed way—giving and serving—you are leading in Jesus' way. He said, "Even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

There are times and situations when spiritual leaders need to act with authority, but they should only intervene with authority after appealing through relationship. They must make sure it is the right battle (issue), the right time, and approach the situation in the right way. And in these contexts there need to be structures and legal boards in place that hold these elders accountable in all legal and financial matters.



- Autonomy, with each person, ministry or Church working independently, is a non-scriptural concept. But likewise, if eldership is operating outside of these other factors-freedom in the Spirit and relationship-it leads to legalism and a hierarchical leadership that is not godly.

An apostolic movement dries up when there is not integration of these elements: freedom in the Spirit, spiritual eldership and relationship, all operating under the word and the will of the Lord. When they are operating together, it brings much fruit (e.g., Acts 15). May it ever be so with the Church ,

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