

Church Planting (Part One)

EXPANDING OF GOD'S KINGDOM THROUGH CHURCH PLANTING

See 2 Cor.10:12-18; Rom.15:18-25... Here the Apostle Paul is displaying a pioneer spirit! This is a person who has captured the Great Commission Vision - ! It's a vision to reach into the "regions beyond"! But, notice where it begins. He said, "...God has given us a measure of rule".

1. **Self-Rule Is The First Step To Doing Something Great For God!!** If you have no rule over your own spirit, according to Prov.25:28, you're like a city whose walls are broken down. So, the first measure of rule is looking after yourself. You're not ready to rule over anyone if you don't have control over your own tongue, attitudes, appetites, passions and lusts.
2. **The Second Measure Of Rule Is Over Your Family** I Timothy 3:1-13 gives us the qualifications for those in the ministry, one of which is as follows: "If a man can't rule over his own house, how can he take care of the church of God?" (v. 5).
3. **Gradual Growth** Exodus 18:21. No one begins by ruling over a church of 500. However, a ruler often can become a ruler of 50; a ruler of 50 can become a ruler of 100. A ruler of 100 can become a ruler of 500! But this is not where you begin. Your measure of rule will grow, step by step; until you're in the place that God has called you to be.

2 Corinthians 10:12-18 In This Passage Paul Mentions 5 Things:

1. The measure of the rule which God hath **given** to us. We have a measure of rule.
2. Our measure **reached** unto you.
3. We stretch not ourselves **beyond** our measure.
4. But having this hope the when your faith is increased we shall be **enlarged** by you.
5. To preach the Gospel in the regions **beyond** you **CHURCH PLANTING!!** Think globally – act locally, the way you think will determine how you act!!

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHURCH PLANTS

1. **Mother/Daughter Model**
 - a. An **existing** church plant in close proximity to itself.
 - b. People and resources are **released** from the mother church.
 - c. The mother church usually carries all of the **expenses**.
2. **Apostolic Team Model**
 - a. A new work in a larger center lying **outside** the reach of an existing Victory Church.
 - b. A pastor/planter and several **experienced** full-time or lay leaders form a team.
 - c. **Financial** support comes from VCI for a certain period of time.
3. **Single Apostolic Model**
 - a. Planting in a **smaller** area, but outside the reach of an existing Victory Church.
 - b. A pastor and his family **move** into the area.
 - c. Funding comes through VCI.

4. **Pioneer Church Model**

- a. Begins with a person who sees the **need**, or has a burden for an area.
- b. Must be a **credible** person.
- c. VCI may not be sure this person can do it; we're willing to take a **risk** on him.
- d. He/she may use the VCI **name**, but receives little or no financial support.

5. **Partnership Model**

- a. A region of churches work **together** to plant a new church.
- b. There may not be any one church within the region that is strong enough to plant a church by itself. So, it **partners** with other churches in the region, and a church is planted.
- c. A single local church may have an opportunity to plant a church, but may not have enough **resources**. By partnering with VCI (which may supply the extra resources), a new work can be planted.

6. **Re-plant Model**

- a. This involves an **established** church that used to be "alive", but has dwindled in numbers, and has approached VCI concerning membership.
- b. VCI will set in a pastor, possibly give it a new **name**, and a major thrust to replant.

7. **Adoption**

- a. This takes place when a church which shares our **vision** seeks to come into relationship with VCI.
- b. The Victory vision is distinctive, but is not **exclusive**. There are others who share the same dream.

Church Reproduction Happens When A Church Catches A Burden For A Specific Area And Seeks To Do Something About It.

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR SUCCESSFUL CHURCH PLANTING

1. **Four Assumptions From The Great Commission** Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:14-20; Acts 1:8. There are three assumptions from these passages of Scripture:
 - i. **Universality** – all Inclusive – "All the World"
 - ii. **Urgency** - High Priority on Evangelism
 - iii. **Personal Responsibility** – "Go Ye"
 - iv. **Church Planting** – Cannot fulfill this without planting new churches!!
2. **The Biblical Pattern** 1 Thess.1 The Apostle Paul was committed to Church planting!! He planted "church-planting churches"...
3. **The Principle of Reproduction** God said everything was to reproduce after its kind. John 15 shows that fruit bearing is a spiritual principle of life. See 2 Tim.2:2
4. **The Principle of Sending** Acts 13:1-4 In our desire to build strong churches, there must always be a blending of the willingness of individuals & local Pastors to initiate service for the Lord in new places with the deliberate sending and commissioning of people to a work.
5. **The Principle of Giving** Luke 6:38 & Prov.11:24-26 A giving church is a growing church!! No church has ever suffered in the long run from giving members. To begin new churches, mature pastors need to be more interested in the total work of God than in just their own local church Matt. 10:8 "...freely ye have received freely give."

6. **The Principle of Faith** 2 Cor.5:7 - "For we walk by faith and not by sight" Many pastors are walking by sight; watching the attendance, the budget, the membership roll. Establishing new daughter churches demands great faith.

7. **The Principle of Imitation:**
 - a. 1 Thess.1:6 - "And ye became followers of ("imitators") us, and of the Lord.."
 - b. 1 Thess.2:14 - "For ye brethren became followers of the churches of God which in Judea are in Christ Jesus."
 - c. Churches naturally imitate other model churches. We need better models to follow. Are you setting an examples and a model in the area of releasing and church planting?? VCI, and particularly, Drs. George & Hazel Hill, have given us great models in this whole area!!