

## PROFILE OF A SUCCESSFUL ORGANIC/SIMPLE/HOUSE CHURCH LEADER.

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Thus far I have had a 50 to 60% success rate in the planting of simple churches in the last 10 years. The simple church has a very simple structure of leader (male or female) and followers. The leader is an elder or mature son (male or female). The followers are those who come to be discipled by the Word he or she delivers. The simple church is self-supporting, self-propagating, self-governing and self-denying. The simple church aims to develop believers quickly with the intention of releasing them to plant other simple churches. I have now been able to draw up a profile of the kind of leader who will succeed. This profile determines who we are going to send.

HERE IS THE PROFILE:

#### 1. APOSTLES' DOCTRINE

Strongly grounded in apostles' doctrine (proceeding truth). Able to explain clearly the demands of this season. Has a deep passionate love for the Word of God. Has the ability to shift any discussion to the Word. Skilled in incidental teaching.

*Jer 20:9*

*But His word was in my heart like a burning fire  
Shut up in my bones;  
I was weary of holding it back,  
And I could not. NKJV*

#### 2. CONNECTION

Is a true, faithful, beloved son of the sending apostle/spiritual father. As a son, this leader remains connected to the sending apostle through regular fellowship where revelation is constantly upgraded. The son pursues the sending apostle (his spiritual father) through studying his material, listening to his tapes and email, telephonic and video contact. The son reciprocates to his spiritual father through tithes, offerings and firstfruits.

He carries the rainbow on his head – symbol of covenant (Rev. 10).

*Phil 2:20-24*

*20 For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. 21 For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. 22 But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. 23 Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me. NKJV*

*1 Cor 9:11-12*

*11 If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things?NKJV*

### **3. WELL RESOURCED MATERIALLY**

Is well resourced. Has a car, house and spare cash. The individual is not looking to be financed by the sending apostle or any church. Often times this leader has a secular employment. He or she is always skilled to survive in the secular environment. The good Samaritan was resourced – he had bandages, oil, wine and his own transport. In addition he could afford the rent at the inn.

### **4. HIGH INTEGRITY**

Has a strong moral conscience. Skilled in time and financial management. He hates deception and lies.

*1 Tim 3:1-7*

*3 This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; 3 not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; 4 one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence 5 (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); 6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.NKJV*

### **5. GOD CONSCIOUSNESS**

Has a strong sense of accountability to the Lord.

*Col 3:24-25*

*24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. NKJV*

### **6. PASSION TO REPRODUCE**

Strong desire to reproduce himself in others for the advancement of kingdom purpose. Firmly embedded in his mind is the desire for apostolic discipleship – to produce like-minded sons. He does not have a retention mindset but a catch and release mindset. (Remember the John the Baptist principle - He must increase, I must decrease.)

*1 Sam 1:11*

*11 Then she made a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant,*

*but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head."NKJV*

## **7. COMMUNITY MINDSET**

He loves the fellowship of the saints. He despises individualism and makes every attempt to be at city gatherings because he loves the Body and has a deep desire for its unity.

*Heb 10:25*

*25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. NKJV*

## **8. FOCUSSED**

He is not impressed by church buildings, musical instruments, décor etc. He has outgrown these things to focus on producing the will and purpose of God on the earth – the sons of God to fill the earth.

*Rom 8:19-20*

*9 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. NKJV*

## **9. AGREEMENT WITH SPOUSE**

Both partners must be agreed in doctrine and vision. Both must passionately want to start the church in their house. Where one spouse is half-hearted, marital stress is an inevitable outcome.

*Amos 3:3*

*3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?NKJV*

## **10. SACRIFICIAL**

The organic church requires a high level of sacrifice from the leader. Burdens will be placed on finances, time in counselling, transportation, etc. The leader must love people and must be available and affable. He must have a positive outlook even when people who he has made sacrifices for abandon his vision.

*Matt 16:24-26*

*24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.NKJV*

