

The Freedom of the Steward Leader and the Joy of Raising Kingdom Resources

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Session #1 – The Freedom of the Steward Leader

1. My journey – two things I wish someone would have challenged me to rethink

a. Success – my definition:

b. One-Kingdom vs. Two-Kingdom Challenge – My second kingdom stuff:

2. Journey: personal, organizational, fund development

a. Your impact on your organization in this capacity cannot be overstated

3. Marks of a Two-Kingdom Owner Leader

a. It's not all God's – Builders of a second kingdom

b. Sacrifices intimacy with God, no longer the highest calling

c. Ties identity to job, title

d. Manages people as means to the leader's ends

e. Uses resources to serve the organizational agenda, often fear-based approach

f. *What marks describe you? Where are you operating as an owner-leader?*

4. Marks of a One-Kingdom Steward Leader
 - a. Surrenders to one-kingdom freedom
 - b. Makes intimacy with God the highest calling
 - c. Keeps identity in Christ alone
 - d. Manages people as ends in themselves; unfolds and frees
 - e. Uses resources as God directs, obedience over expediency, freedom over fear

5. Implications for how we raise kingdom resources
 - a. Steward leaders are free from
 - i. Control, fear, misplaced security, envy, identity, scarcity
 - ii. *Circle the ONE from which you most need to be set free*
 - iii. *Prayer for surrender and freedom*

 - b. Steward leaders are set free for
 - i. Surrender of all resources to God
 - ii. Courage to steward them obediently
 - iii. Trust in the God of abundance to supply all of their needs

6. Three critical questions
 - a. Is our fundraising work part of our mission? Are our partners mentioned in our mission/vision/values statements?
 - b. Do we believe that God, through the Holy Spirit, is the only true fundraiser at our school?
 - c. Do we measure the success of our fundraising work in more than just financial metrics?

7. Summary – Steward leaders define success as faithfulness, set aside the temptation to play the owner-leader and surrender everything to God’s care. They are free to steward God’s resources for God’s glory and lead development programs that encourage partners to experience the freedom and joy of Spirit-led generosity.

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Session #2 – Raising Kingdom Resources Under the Pressure for Results

1. One-kingdom leader review
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2. Worldview regarding God and resources: Abundance and Scarcity
 - a. We don't have enough _____
 - b. If only we had more _____ we could _____

3. Development from a two-kingdom, scarcity mindset
 - a. _____ the two-kingdom worldview of our _____
 - b. Raise money from... in order to...
 - c. One-way, transactional work measured solely in _____

4. Development from a one-kingdom, abundance mindset
 - a. Encourage a one-kingdom freedom from our partners
 - b. All one-kingdom: our ministry, our partners, all God's resources, no transfer
 - c. Encourage and challenge faithful investment of God's resources for God's work through God's people
 - d. Partnership, fellow travelers, ministry measured in _____

5. Practicalities

- a. We measure what we value – kingdom metrics in fundraising
 - i. Measure planting and watering; 1 Corinthians 3:5-6
 - ii. Where do we draw the line – major question for steward leaders?
 - iii. How do you measure planting and watering?

- b. What does it mean for you and you development team to plant and water faithfully?

- c. What does it mean to let God bring the increase and give Him the glory?

- d. Key questions about budgeting steward leaders must be asking

- i. Does God provide for our needs? _____
- ii. In Him, do we have enough? _____
- iii. If so, where is the pressure? _____
- iv. Is it God-pleasing? _____
- v. How does that process and pressure impact our budgeting processes?

- vi. Are our budgets responding to God’s provision or driven by our human desires? _____

- e. Personnel – four implications

- i. Spiritual maturity first
- ii. Experienced in relationships with a ministry mindset
- iii. Excellence, diligence, hard work and accountability are a must – God’s work!
- iv. Prayer and discernment are the greatest needs

- f. Messaging – one-kingdom, ministry language
 - i. Co-traveler frames the relationship
 - ii. Spiritual growth is key desired outcome
 - iii. Freedom and joy are the products of abundant generosity
 - iv. Beware of all two-kingdom language!
 - v. The communications audit, date _____

- g. The Board
 - i. Do you have an owner board or a steward board? _____
 - ii. How do you communicate this? _____
 - iii. Will they support this?
 - iv. How can you involve them personally and then as a board, in this cultural shift? _____

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