THE COMPLETE SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

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“SUPERINTENDENT” — A DEFINITION …

• AN OVERSEER, A PERSON WHO DIRECTS AND MANAGES AN ORGANISATION, OFFICE, ETC.

• FROM LATIN VERB (SUPER + INTENDERE) = “TO GIVE ATTENTION TO ....”

SOURCE – COLLINS ENGLISH DICTIONARY
“WOE IS ME ….”

THE COMPLETE SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT FIRST OF ALL RECOGNISES THEIR INCOMPLETENESS.

WOE IS ME! I AM UNDONE AND UNCLEAN; AND THE PEOPLE THAT I LIVE AMONGST ARE UNCLEAN. ISAIAH 6:5
• SUPERINTENDENTS MUST BECOME SELF-AWARE
• MUST KNOW THEIR "AUTHENTIC SELF"
• EXAMINING ONE’S EXPERIENCES ALLOWS ONE TO BE MORE GENUINE AND HUMANE. IT ALSO ALLOWS ONE TO BE VULNERABLE
WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?
EXODUS 4:2

• KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU BRING TO THE ROLE OF SABBATH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP.
  • YOUR PASSION
  • YOUR GIFT/S
  • YOUR PERSONAL STYLE
PASSION

YOUR PASSION INDICATES WHERE YOU ARE BEST SUITED TO SERVE
PASSION IS THE GOD-GIVEN DESIRE THAT COMPELS US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A PARTICULAR MINISTRY
IT IS USUALLY INFLUENCED BY

- LIFE’S EXPERIENCES – THE “COMMON PLACE”
- PERSONAL WOUNDEDNESS
- DIVINE CALL
SPIRITUAL GIFTS

SPIRITUAL GIFTS INDICATE **WHAT** YOU WILL DO WHEN YOU SERVE
PERSONAL STYLE

PERSONAL STYLE INDICATES **HOW** YOU WILL SERVE
Logical, careful
Formal, disciplined
Precise, follows rules
Withdrawn, shy
Does not express opinions
Gets stuck in details
Does not take risks
Calm, steady
Careful, patient
Good listener, modest
Trustworthy
Resists new ideas
Does not express
Does not seek change
Stubborn
Decisive, tough
Strong-willed
Competitive, demanding
Independent, self-confident
Aggressive, blunt
Self-centred,
Overbearing
Exceeds authority
Talkative, open
Sociable
Enthusiastic, energetic
Persuasive
Flamboyant, frantic
Careless, indiscreet
Excitable, hasty
Loses sense of time
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VALUES

• KNOW YOUR VALUES
• THEY ARE TRULY KNOWN WHEN THEY ARE TESTED UNDER PRESSURE
• VALUES INFLUENCE BEHAVIOUR
• ‘INCOMPLETE’ LEADERS ARE NOT ‘INCOMPETENT’ LEADERS.
• THEY HAVE AN AWARENESS OF THEIR OWN STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES.
• REALISES THAT THIS IS REALITY – NO ONE IS PERFECT
SUPERINTENDENT ON THE JOB
KNOW AND ACCEPT SABBATH SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

SABBATH SCHOOL “EXISTS TO TEACH AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST …IN THE CONTEXT OF THE THREE ANGELS’ MESSAGES OF REVELATION 14:6-12. SABBATH SCHOOL ENDEAVOURS TO MOTIVATE ALL MEMBERS TO DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN SERVICE …. THE SABBATH SCHOOL, IF RIGHTLY CONDUCTED, IS ONE OF GOD’S GREAT INSTRUMENTALITIES TO BRING SOULS TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH AND THAT EVERY CHURCH SHOULD BE A TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS.” (GC WORKING POLICY FR 05)
DEVELOP PASSION

• FOR LEADERSHIP
• FOR PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT
• FOR PERSONAL SPIRITUALITY
• FOR FOUR SS EMPHASES (OUTREACH, BIBLE STUDY, MISSION, FELLOWSHIP)
CHALLENGES

• UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES OF WORKING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH CONTEXT AND HOW TO LEAD PEOPLE TO SOLUTIONS
• GETTING MEMBERS TO BECOME INVOLVED
• RECRUITING AND RETAINING CLASS TEACHERS/FACILITATORS
• GETTING MEMBERS TO ATTEND AND ON TIME
• FINDING SUITABLE REPLACEMENTS AFTER YOUR TERM OF SERVICE
INSPIRE!!

COOPERATION

LEARNING

INVOLVEMENT
CHARACTERISTICS OF SUPERINTENDENTS

• SUPERINTENDENTS ARE BALANCED AND GROUNDED
• THEY SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS
• STAY PHYSICALLY FIT
• SPIRITUALLY WELL
• DO COMMUNITY SERVICE
• AND REMEMBER THEIR JOURNEY
QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS