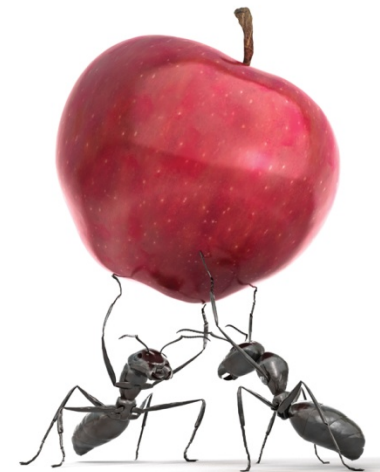


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“Be of good courage...” Joshua 1:6-8

“Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be men of courage.” I Corinthians 16:13

“Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord!” Psalms 27:14

“A man without courage is like a knife without an edge.” Benjamin Franklin



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- LEADERSHIP is not for the faint of heart!
- Courageous leadership requires determination and faith. Courage isn't the absence of fear, it's moving forward despite the fear.
- Where your courage ends or falters is where leadership effectiveness ends.



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Defining Courage

- A personal resoluteness in the face of danger or difficulties
- The ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or being deflected from a chosen course of action;
- That quality of mind which enables one to encounter danger and difficulties with firmness, or without fear, or fainting of heart; valor; boldness; resolution.



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1. Courage to be a God-pleaser

- 1 Thess 4:1-2
- 2 Tim 2:4-5
- Dealing with the expectations of people
- Pleasing God rather than people
- Be willing to gain respect not popularity



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2. Courage to choose character over talent

- Psalms 78:72
- The current crisis among church leaders
- God's standards for spiritual leaders; Titus 1:5-9; I Timothy 3:1-8
- Character vs. Charisma

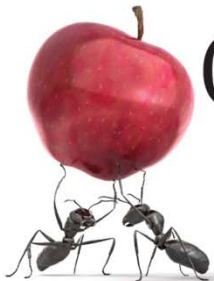


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3. Courage to overcome the fear of confrontation

- Eph 4:13; Galatians 2:11-14
- To resolve conflicts
- To deal with issues in the church
- To deal with staff and leadership

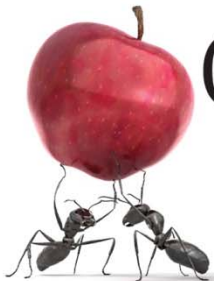


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4. Courage to lead supernaturally

- The rationalistic culture; Acts 4:13
- I Corinthians 12:1,,
- Value the role of the Spirit in your ministry
- Value the purpose of signs and wonders in your ministry
- Step out in faith; Hebrews 5:14; II Timothy 1:6



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5. Courage to lead change

- *“There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things.” Machiavelli*
- Growth = Change
- People naturally resist change
- Successful leaders learn how to orchestrate change.



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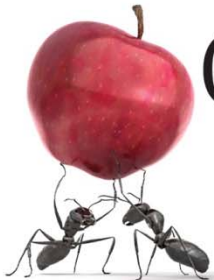
6. Courage to make tough decisions

- *“Whenever you see a successful organization, someone once made a courageous decision.”*

Peter Drucker

- *“The greatest difficulty in making decisions is not in knowing the right decision, but in making it!”*

John Maxwell



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6. Courage to make tough decisions

- Tough Decisions have several things in common
 - Every tough decision required much energy, time, and prayer
 - Every tough decision demanded risk
 - Every tough decision was opposed and criticized
 - Every tough decision cost me greatly
 - Every tough decision took my ministry to a higher level

“My obligation is to do the right thing. The rest is in God’s hands.” M.L. King

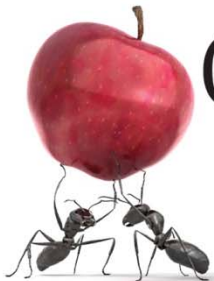


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7. Courage to deal with opposition

- a. Opposition from the outside
 - Nehemiah 4:1-2, 7-8
 - Early church
- b. Opposition from the inside
 - II Tim. 2:24-25
 - How to handle criticism



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8. Courage to believe when facing impossibilities

- *“Courage is fear that has said it’s prayers.”*
Karl Barth
- *“Courage is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm.”* W. Churchill
- Hebrews 11 – Faith’s Hall of Fame



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