

## **LEADERSHIP LESSON # 69: CORE PRINCIPLES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH**

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To grow the Sunday School, the leaders must adopt core principles in which they live by and promote within the organization.

### **1. Faithfulness to the Word**

We must remain faithful to the Bible. It is not “just a book,” but the divinely inspired revelation of God Himself. It has the power to change lives and it offers hope to a hopeless world.

### **2. Commitment to the Call**

Be committed to the call – it is a call, not a job! We are to challenge our leaders to be committed to the call. The scope of our call in the Sunday School ministry is to – Reach people for Christ; Teach God’s Word; and Care for the needs of others

### **3. Excellence in the Work**

We will not settle for mediocrity. God expects our very best – He does not settle for anything less. We must first challenge ourselves to excellence in our own ministry and then challenge those we lead to excellence in their areas as well.

### **4. Unity in the Body**

We must keep the spirit of unity. As leaders, we must do everything we can to promote unity This is critical to the effectiveness of our church. How do we promote unity?

- Encourage one another
- Talk positively about the church
- Do not gossip
- Keep your focus on Jesus Christ

### **5. Urgency for the Task**

There must be a sense of urgency for what we are doing. There are hurting people around us as well as lost people.

### **6. Flexible in the Attitude**

Stay flexible – rigidity is one of our greatest enemies. Change is inevitable and must be embraced. It has been said before, “Change is certain, growth is optional.” Think about it – spiritual transformation involves change.

### **7. Intentional in the Strategy**

Our strategy in the Sunday School ministry is simple. It is to –

- Reach
- Teach
- Care

We must stay focused on our call and our tasks and not get sidetracked with the non-essential. Paul said, “this one thing I do. . . I press on to the goal.”

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