

## **LEADERSHIP LESSON # 77: REACHING AND TEACHING SENIOR ADULTS**

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### **I. Reaching Senior Adults**

- A. A **heart** of compassion (Read Matthew 9:36-37)
- B. Patience and **consistent** outreach
- C. Willingness to meet **needs**
- D. Provide a **variety** of **outreach** opportunities
- E. Be available for **special** times in their life
- F. Be available for times of **crisis**
- G. Provide **parking** near ground level entrances
- H. Provide easy accessible **space** for classrooms
- I. Make a **good** first **impression**
- J. Give a warm **reception** to guests
- K. Provide new **units**. New units grow faster than older ones

### **II. Teaching Senior Adults**

- A. Teach **people** the Bible, not teaching the **Bible** to people
- B. Know the needs of the **people**
- C. Care for **members** and **prospects**
- D. Use **variety** in teaching methods
- E. Always be **prepared**
- F. Use the **surprise** element, do the **unexpected**
- G. Be a **growing Christian** yourself. (Read 2 Peter 3:18)
- H. Make **personal application** of the lesson
- I. Be well **organized** in teaching and time management
- J. Set **goals** for which to strive with your class members
- K. Provide a **non-threatening environment**
- L. Be a **mentor**, lift up future teachers from the class

Reaching and teaching senior adults is a genuine need in our world today. In the end, **balance** is necessary. We have the mandate to both reach and teach senior adults.

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