LEADERSHIP LESSON # 77: REACHING AND TEACHING SENIOR ADULTS
OUTLINE BY KENNY HOOMES

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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

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