People Skills

Loving People

Lecture Outline Part 1 of 5

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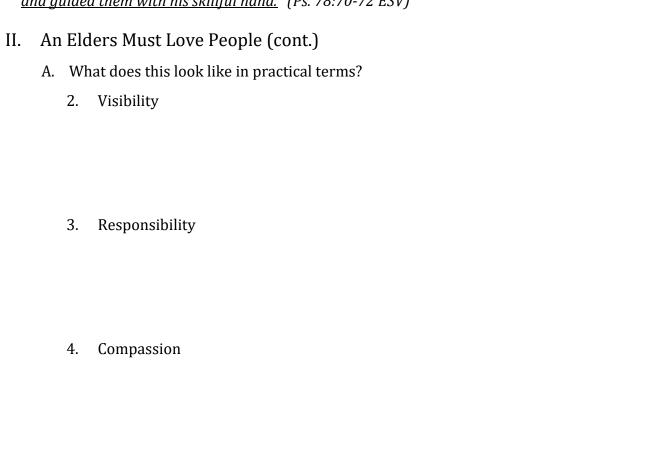
An	An Elder Must Love People					
A.	Wh	Why is this important?				
	1.	Two traits of David's shepherding				
	2.	All of us need to i in people skills.				
	3.	Caring for the Lord's people is not always a p experience.				
	4.	As elders, we are in the p business (Heb. 13:17).				
	5.	Practical concerns: Initial thoughts (2 Cor. 10:1, Eph. 5:25, Philem. 12, Phil. 1:7–8, 2 Cor. 12:15, 1 Thess. 2:8)				
B.	Wh	What does this look like in practical terms?				
	1.	Availability: We as elders must be w people.				

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Lecture Outline Part 2 of 5

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Creating an atmosphere of love

People Skills

Gentle and Patient Shepherd

Lecture Outline Part 3 of 5

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An	Eld	er Must Be Gentle and Patient			
A.	Ger	Gentle			
	1.	Example of Jesus (Matt. 11:29; Isa. 40:11).			
	2.	Example of Young Parents.			
	3.	The requirement of an elder is that he be "g" (1 Tim. 3:3).			
	4.	The Example and Teaching of Paul (2 Cor. 10:1; 1 Thess. 2:7; Gal. 6:1; 2 Tim. 4:2; 2 Cor. 6:3, 4, 6).			
	5.	The reason for treating one's opponent with gentleness, is that it enhances the possibility of r someone to the truth (2 Tim. 2:25-26; Prov. 16:21)			
B.	Patient				
	1.	Our work as elders is a spiritual work with people, so it must be done in God's way with patience and care.			
	2.	Patience is needed in leading people because life is filled with difficulties and injustices (1 Thess. 5:14).			
	3.	Without gentleness and patience, a leader has a serious d			

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Ministry of Encouragement

Lecture Outline Part 4 of 5

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IV.	An	Elder Must Be an Encourager	
	A.	Introduction	
	В.	Practical ways we can begin a ministry of encouragement	
V.	An	Elder Must Be Tactful	
	A.	Two key words for elders: d and t	_
	В.	Paul's letters are perfect example of diplomacy (1 Cor. 4:6).	
	C.	Hudson Taylor, a great manager of people, was extremely t	with the
		Chinese.	
	D.	Words hurt, but words have the power also to e	(Prov. 12:18; Col. 4:6).

Hospitality & Prayer

Lecture Outline Part 5 of 5

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VI.	An Elder Must Be Hospitable					
	A.	Use your home for the Lord Jesus Christ.				
	B.	Scripture (Rom. 12:13; 1 Peter 4:8–9; Heb. 13:2; Titus 1:8).				
	C.	Shepherding work is s work. There is much sacrificing in caring for God's people in a spiritual way (Phil. 2:20–21).				
	D.	Hospitality is hard word, but it reaches people—they respond to l				
	E.	Examples of people to have to your home				
VII.	An	Elder Must Be a Prayer Leader				
	A.	An elder must be a leader in the area of p (1 Sam. 12:23).				
	В.	Scripture (Col. 4:12–13; Eph. 6:18; Col. 1:9; Acts 6:4).				
	C.	A praying elder is a c elder.				
	D.	Practical suggestions				