

“MOVING AND SHAKING”

1 Sam 14:6

In the Book American Sniper – Chris Kyle: Deadliest sniper in US military history. 'I wasn't the best shooter in the seals, didn't make the longest, hardest shots, I was just always where the action was.' Reality: Success in ministry linked to being 'in the action' Disciples must seek that - it involves: Motivation, initiative, labor. Phrase 'movers & shakers' oft means those who have power/influence – in KOG the M&S are those who just DO things.

I. SELF MOTIVATION

A. A key Ingredient to Success in Ministry: Self-Motivation

1. Jonathan just had an idea – let's see – this is the key element to their success – motivated on their own
 - a. King didn't tell them to do it, wasn't in the calendar, just working on their own
 1. *Self-Motivated: Motivated to do something due to ones own interest, beliefs or desires*
2. Cannot/Will not succeed in ministry of any level without this critical element
 - a. Must be able to motivate yourself to do something to bring increase to the KOG, expand territory
 1. *Practical: Cannot rely on pastor to give every idea, dot every 'i', be creative, innovate, show opportunity, force you to labor*
 - b. If so: Never survive pioneering: He's not there to 'make it happen' for you; Got to be self-motivated

B. Involves an Eye for Opportunity: ILL: Adam Porter Chick-Fil-A – great dominion in witnessing/preaching

1. Our text: They saw a possibility – means they were looking for one – need to look for opportunity
 - a. *Drive around looking for place to do outreach, look at calendar trying to find open doors, pray for inspiration for new outreach*
2. Disciples MUST cultivate ability to look/city w/vision to see possibility/opportunity for evangelism
 - a. *Are there needs not being met? Opportunities missing? Parades? Events? Shows? Groups of people? LOOK!!*

C. Freedom from Fear of Failure:

1. Reason many NOT self-motivated: Afraid of having an idea & it failing
 - a. Reality: The greatest failure is doing nothing – wasting time without trying something
2. TRUTH: No one's ever gotten in trouble/mad at for having a new idea
 - a. Even if it doesn't work – initiative greatest motivator to a pastor
 1. *My ministry birthed in ideas! Heavy Metal concert/Surf movie outreach*

D. Willingness to Labor for success:

1. Many have ideas, could sit & talk for hours – have discussions/meetings with endless ideas, etc
 - a. The problem is that they'll just be ideas – never tested out – because it takes work
2. Self-motivation involves a willingness to labor to see your ideas come to fruition – who will do the work?

II. ABILITY TO STIR OTHERS

A. Only the Self-Motivated can Stir Others

1. *1 Sam 14:15 And there was trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and the raiders also trembled; and the earth quaked, so that it was a very great trembling.*
2. *1 Sam 14:20–23 Then Saul and all the people who were with him assembled, and they went to the battle; and indeed every man's sword was against his neighbor, and there was very great confusion. 21 Moreover the Hebrews who were with the Philistines before that time, who went up with them into the camp from the surrounding country, they also joined the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. 22 Likewise all the men of Israel who had hidden in the mountains of Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, they also followed hard after them in the battle. 23 So the Lord saved Israel that day, and the battle shifted to Beth Aven.*

B. Jonathan's self-motivation literally began to 'move and shake' people into action

1. If you as a disciple will be inspired into action, others will follow you
 - a. When you pioneer – that same spirit will build your church – people are drawn to the motivated

III. GOD'S BLESSING ON THE SELF-MOTIVATED

A. Powerful contrast in our text between those moving and those sitting still

1. One group accomplishing nothing, another winning great victory
 - a. God blessed Jonathan/armor bearer NOT because best equipped - They weren't!

B. Simple: God will bless those who will DO something! CREATE something! MOVE somewhere!

1. God will not, cannot bless those who refuse to self-motivate, see opportunity, and work for success!
 - a. *Book – Chris Kyle changes windows to where another sniper was 4 hours & had nothing, got 3 kills in 10 minutes*
2. There's a supernatural blessing on people who will just keep doing stuff, keep moving
 - a. *Quote: God blesses men who will push buttons. Just keep pushing buttons until you find one that works!*

C. Practical Application:

1. YOU must PRAY for inspiration; LOOK for opportunity; MAKE a plan; and DO IT!
 - a. As men, must be able to make something happen without your pastor pushing you
2. If you do, will find incredible fruitfulness, blessing & fulfillment in your life, ministry, etc