

Pastor Greg Mitchell said years ago that the 3 keys to revival are Faith, Dominion, People Skills-

I want to look at each of those from Ephesians 4, that we would understand the profound wisdom in each key for our churches.

Ephesians 4:15–16 (NKJV) ¹⁵speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

I FAITH:

A- Pastor Greg has said that: The foundation of faith is the word of God.

1. To be effective as a man of God we need to build our beliefs on the word of God.
2. But many build their faith on Experience: I felt, I saw, I witnessed-
 - a. But experience isn't enough... We can experience lots of things, that doesn't equal truth!
3. Others build their faith on Opinion: I think, I believe, I agree or disagree...
 - a. But why does your opinion matter most? Your opinion is yours so it is subjective to you-
 - i. Its possible you could be wrong!

B- Faith must be rooted on the word of God.

1. **Isaiah 55:11** So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.
 - a. What does God say? What has God spoken about? What does God say we should see or expect.
2. This is where the foundation of faith actually begins!
 - a. So then, regardless of my opinions or experiences... I can trust God's word.

C- This means that you have to know what God's word says!

1. Otherwise: How do you know?
 - a. Otherwise you could be led astray, pulled in a different direction, focused on experience or opinion and miss what God wants for your church and ministry!
2. According to V15 & 16 a church should grow- *grow up in all things into Him... growth of the body*
 - a. I believe that, I take God at His word, we will see church growth! That's faith!

II DOMINION:

A- Dominion is about establishing God's promises in your life.

1. Dominion means: the right to rule... I determine the results.
 - a. **Deuteronomy 28:13** And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath...
 - b. You wont be wagged around by the enemy when you have dominion. You will be above and not below when you have dominion-
2. So, the question I often get is HOW do I get dominion?
 - a. It starts with faith: What does God say? In whatever arena: Fruitfulness, Healing, Deliverance, Money...
 - b. Establishing those promises involves FOCUS:
 - i. Focused prayer, Focused Fasting, Focused Giving, Focused expectation-
 - ii I know what God has said, I am not seeing it, so that is UNACCEPTABLE!

B- Dominion is a battle! Dominion is warfare! Dominion is not a checklist, it will be contested again and again!

1. But, Dominion is POSSIBLE!
 - a. Because God SAID SO! Faith and dominion are linked-
2. The result of Dominion is Divine Effectiveness-
 - a. Text says when we are joined with Christ, there is an effective working... V16 according to the effective working
3. Dominion makes things work! That's what we need!
 - a. Outreach to work, Follow up to work, Church to work!

III PEOPLE SKILLS:

A- The final key is People Skills-

1. You can have Faith and Personal Dominion ... But you need the ability to connect well with people.
2. People skills are all about your ability to help make people feel comfortable with you.
 - a. P. Greg has said; People will fall in love with you before they fall in love with your Jesus.
3. Can you connect with people individually: People are different, you cannot treat every person the same.
4. Do you know your own personal strengths or weaknesses?
 - a. Do you do better with groups or one on one? Are you welcoming? Or are you rigid and demanding?
 - b. What is your tone when you speak? Your body language? Your face?

B- People Skills enable you to communicate the truth of the Gospel with Love

1. **V15** speaking the truth in love... I can tell people the truth, and they are comfortable.
 - a. They know that I love them, that I care about them, that I want the best for them...
2. Is this a skill you are working on?
 - a. We need this ability. Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.
 - i. Jesus had a way with people. He could speak to anyone!
 - b. This is something to ask God for: Skills with People.
 - i. Pray for a love for people, and a passion for souls!