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THE KEY OF PASSION

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THE KEY OF PASSION

1. Stoke inspiration and passion by planning it in.

Inspiration doesn't just "happen" to us. Know what moves you, what makes you want to try new things, and then put it in your calendar 4 x per year.





THE KEY OF PASSION

2. Put the poor in your weekly and monthly schedule.

Church life can get in the way of the Jesus Life. Paul was eager to care for the poor, and for the Apostles, that was precisely what they asked of him.





THE KEY OF PASSION

3. Address the ‘passion-suckers’ in your life.

There are tasks and routine obligations that sap our spiritual passion. Some, we must do. At other times, we must evaluate if they are “our” job and delegate.





THE KEY OF FRIENDSHIP

2

We are shaped by the people with whom we spend our time. One of the most practical keys a worship leader can turn in their lives is to choose to hang out with people who renew their soul, and call them to greatness.





THE KEY OF FRIENDSHIP

1. Schedule in good friends at least once a week.

When we talk about being more effective as a worship leader, we must talk about our rest levels, our stress levels, and our emotional health. Friends and family heal us.





THE KEY OF FRIENDSHIP

2. Create events where work meets play.

Most worship leaders are so caught up preparing for their next worship set, they aim all their guns at Sunday morning. Found a band. Create a video. Change that.





THE KEY OF FRIENDSHIP

3. Be present to your Soul-Builders as you do ministry.

Busy-ness in ministry can marginalize the time we would put into finding strong mentors and spiritual formation groups. Worship leading can be the enemy; don't let it be.





THE KEY OF MUSICALITY

3

Musical growth happens, increment by increment, when we apply some form of schedule and discipline to what is an otherwise haphazard musical growth curve. Sharpening skills matters. Say no to lesser things, and choose growth.





THE KEY OF MUSICALITY

1. Make one musical advance each week (or month).

Many musicians think we grow in leaps and bounds, but the reality is, a fresh trick, in a fitting genre, is enough growth each month. Watch, listen and learn.





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2. Establish new songs for 3-6 months, and nail parts.

Knowing what songs you will master over the next 3-6 months enables you to chip away at complex, new challenges. The 10,000 hour rule will kick in.





THE KEY OF MUSICALITY

3. Rehearse and play as if you're recording.

Every musician should either 1) spend time recording something in a professional studio setup, or 2) practice with a metronome or mp3 player. Playing live isn't enough.





4

THE KEY OF LEARNING

While many worship leaders prefer a good groove to a good book, this creates an empty container over time. Ingesting good books, in media that works for you, and in a slow reflective way, energizes your thinking, vocabulary, and creativity.





THE KEY OF LEARNING

1. Make iTunes or Amazon about music *and* books.

Audiobooks have saved the day for worship leaders and artistic types. Take a night, set up your mp3 device, apply some gift cards, and buy books.





THE KEY OF LEARNING

2. Turn off your electronics; they're robbing you.

Your iPhone/Android, being accessible and in your hand all evening, is "unacceptable" – at least it doesn't help us to make space for other activities. Your TV can displace reading and musical practice. Just say no.





THE KEY OF LEARNING

3. Communicate your new schedule for accountability.

We are designed to respond to “self-limiting,” immediate feedback mechanisms in our lives. “This Is Your Speed” signs work because they give immediate feedback. Leverage this by telling someone your new learning lifestyle plans.





THE KEY OF LEADERSHIP

Leadership is influence, and our capacity to influence is shaped by our ability to communicate effectively, mentor effectively, and lead with insight. Gaining leadership skills and applying them is vital for the worship leader.





THE KEY OF LEADERSHIP

1. Hone your speaking skills in front of a crowd.

You can learn to speak well in front of a group. Practice in front of a mirror, using the 1) Metaphor, 2) Application, and 3) Review strategy.





THE KEY OF LEADERSHIP

2. Invest money in your leadership skill set.

Many worship leaders are happy to be strong musically, while remaining immature as a leader. Find mentors near and far, watch, and "fake it till you make it."





THE KEY OF LEADERSHIP

3. Say “Yes” to leading outside of your comfort zone.

Most of us find it somewhat easy to lead within our comfort zone. But leadership that is not tested, is not growing. Take a new risk this year, and learn the leadership skills you’ll need for that task.





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A REVIEW AND PRAYER.

Seeing each of the slides again, ask God what practical action you can take to “turn one of these keys” in the tumblers of your life.

A commitment to action will yield the growth in effectiveness we desire over this next year.



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