



APOSTOLIC FOCUS



FROM
LOUIS
HEART
TO
YOURS

At the start of the year we felt God spoke a clear word to us that FOCUS would be the theme for 2016. It was an incredibly timely word that stood us good stead, navigating us through the intricacies of 2016 and one that we believe will be vital for that which lies ahead in 2017.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FOCUS:

To FOCUS means to bring your mind, will and emotions in alignment with God's purpose and plans.

ALIGNMENT is the repositioning of two or more objects in proper RELATIONSHIP for maximum effectiveness.

Alignment in myself is important, as a house divided against itself cannot stand, furthermore Alignment with God and His Word will result in maximum effectiveness in all areas of our lives.

We are living in times where there are so many distractions that demand our attention and

draw our FOCUS away from God and His intended Kingdom purpose for our lives.

As an Apostolic Family it is important for us to hear together and agree with what Father is saying so that we can FOCUS on what He has for us and where He wants us to go.

Only through hearing and seeing accurately we contribute to the whole effectively in advancing the Kingdom!

Here are three important thoughts for Apostolic Families to advance the Kingdom of God:

1. CASTING A CLEAR AND COMPELLING VISION.

With all our personal interests, demands and distractions of this world dying for our attention, it is important to help people cast a CLEAR and COMPELLING VISION to help them FOCUS in life.

The importance of clarity:

The Latin word 'claritas' means: easy to hear and see!

When a vision is compelling, the result is that it will both constrain and persuade people, by having a powerful and irresistible effect on their lives.

The combination of a clear and compelling vision causes "buy in" and joyful participation!

Kingdom vision doesn't just help people to FOCUS, but it also brings hope, releases passion, conviction and enthusiasm.

2. ESTABLISHING A KINGDOM CULTURE.

We are not just about breaking and taking ground in the advancing process, but we are also about a way of life called a KINGDOM CULTURE.

With the increasing breakdown of family, moral and relational values, it is important that we establish strong COMMUNITIES that express KINGDOM CULTURE.

Where there is COMMON KNOWLEDGE and COMMON UNITY it results in COMMUNITY!

When our knowledge is based on the revelation of Jesus Christ, and His Grace and Righteousness it results in Kingdom Behavior that translates into Kingdom Culture.

The way we REFLECT, REPRESENT and REPRODUCE these values confirms our citizenship and makes us a peculiar people.

3. MOTIVATE MOVEMENT.

One of the biggest challenges we face in life is that there are lots of things said and discussed, yet the

sad thing is, that at the end of the day a lot is said and little is done!

The Kingdom is always advancing even if we and our churches are not.

In Isaiah 9:7 we read:

Of the increase of His government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from the latter time forth, even forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Apostolic leaders and churches quickly detect unnecessary stagnation or a milling around because of a lack of clear vision, fear, apathy, frustration or lack of finances.

When they encounter stagnation they immediately realign themselves and those in their leadership teams with God and His purposes to ensure forward momentum for the advancing of the Kingdom.

At times this may look like a temporary retreat or setback, but it is in order to regroup, refocus and to find apostolic strategy for a greater Kingdom advancement.

As Kingdom people we see, live and move in a distinct way...

"Step by step we're moving forward Little by little we're taking ground..."

As we enjoy this seasonal time of rest and celebrating the King of Kings may God by His grace grant us the wisdom for great Kingdom Advancement in 2017!

Louis Els



LOUIS & EDNA ELS



"STEP BY STEP WE'RE MOVING FORWARD LITTLE BY LITTLE WE'RE TAKING GROUND..."

Our life message is grounded in the truth we celebrate this season.
 These words from Isaiah 9 have greatly impacted our lives.
 For a child has been born—for us!
 the gift of a son—for us!
 He'll take over
 the running of the world.
 His names will be: Amazing Counselor,
 Strong God,
 Eternal Father,
 Prince of Wholeness.
 His ruling authority will grow,
 and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings.
 He'll rule from the historic David throne
 over that promised kingdom.
 He'll put that kingdom on a firm footing
 and keep it going
 With fair dealing and right living,
 beginning now and lasting always.
 The zeal of GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies
 will do all this.
 (The Message)



TONY & MARILYN FITZGERALD

Have a blessed and joyous Christmas season and may the above words inspire you as you focus into another new year of Kingdom advancement.

Tony and all the Apostolic Council

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