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It's on again!!!

PASSING THE BATON

Children's Workers' TRAINING DAY & EXPO

Saturday 11th Feb. 2012

Churchlands Christian Fellowship

154 Balcatta Rd, Balcatta WA

9.00am - 4.40pm

Keynote: Joel Chelliah
(Centrepoint Church)

12 electives to choose from

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HUMAN CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATE

- Choose 3 children to be 'Christmas trees' (arms out like branches) and have a partner each who will decorate them with ornaments & tinsel from a box of Christmas decorations that you provide each team.
- Give them 90 seconds where, at the same time, each tree is 'decorated'.
- At the end, get the audience to 'vote' on each tree by cheering and clapping.
- The leader finally announces the winning team, not forgetting to say kind words about the other two teams.



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Impacting your team

A good leader interacts positively with those around about and has the potential of forever impacting their lives. How can we effectively lead other leaders who are part of our kids ministry? One clue is by *encouragement through expressing thankfulness*.

So, how do we express thankfulness to our co-workers?

1. We must *set aside the misunderstanding* that expressing thankfulness is a sign of weakness. Some leaders believe that if they were to ever give the impression that they couldn't do it on their own, then they would lose their authority or leadership effectiveness. This mindset is far from the truth.



2. We must *develop a heart of thankfulness*.

Praise and thanksgiving to God is a good starting place. As we consider what God has done and who He is, that helps us develop an attitude of gratitude. Out loud while you're driving alone in the car is one great place to do it.

Counting our blessings by stopping and considering the wonderful people who are part of our lives and ministry. This can be done while taking a walk, trying to sleep or during your time with God.

Find a gratitude partner. Choose someone you talk to regularly, maybe a family member, friend or co-worker, to share one thing about your ministry and co-workers that made you happy.

Keep a gratitude journal. Write about the good things in your ministry as they happen and so collect pictures of happy moments. Over time, you will find a growing journal full of experiences to be thankful for.

3. Now *it's time to express your thankfulness*. When was the last time you articulated your thankfulness to those you are leading for 'who they are' and for 'what they have done?'

Send thank you cards. Preferably, they should be hand written tangible cards, but emails, e-cards, and thank you notes are also fine as long as they are personal, genuine and thoughtful.

Say thank you person-to-person. A look in their eye, a touch on the shoulder, a handshake – whatever – as long as it's sincere.

Say thank you in public. After your co-worker has done something in your program, immediately express your appreciation in front of the audience. Don't overdo it though!

Give small gifts. We all love chocolates, but what about a 12 month subscription to a kids ministry magazine or an on line resource site like Kidology.org – available finance will influence the size of your gift however.

Activate a heart of thankfulness in yourself today! Encourage your workers and let the 'Life-Changing' power of thankfulness begin working through your leadership and influencing them.

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