

Twelve Characteristics of Movement Leaders

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1. They have a Magnificent Obsession: Movement leaders "see it before they see it."
2. They have a "My People syndrome": They adopt an unreached people group as their own people.
3. They have a What's It Going Take? worldview rather than a "What am I good at?" way of thinking.
4. They are lateral thinkers: They learn from failures and keep seeking another way to solve problems.
5. They never take no for an answer when it comes to reaching their people for Jesus.
6. Ruthless evaluation: The strategy and tactics change as they pursue the vision. They set aside things that don't work.
7. They recognize this is God's work, not their work. They see themselves as the ant that rides the elephant across a river.
8. They know how the story ends. The promise of Revelation 5:9 is true.
9. It's not about them. It's about God's glory and seeing Christlikeness multiply among unreached people.
10. God can hit straight with a crooked stick. Movement leaders don't fall from heaven but rise up out of hell. Things can be messy. God will work in unexpected ways.
11. This is about the whole body of Christ fulfilling the great commission, not just one church or denomination. Look for super-spreaders scattered throughout the body of Christ.
12. God never places an order that he doesn't pay for. This isn't a fool's errand. We are joining God in his work.

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