

Guidelines?

Who needs them?

Every ministry and every minister must have (and already have) guidelines whether it's realized or not. Here's an example of some simple guidelines:

<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
<u>Worship Service:</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>
<u>Evening Service:</u>	<u>6:30 PM</u>
<u>Tuesday Bible Study:</u>	<u>7:00 PM</u>

These guidelines are set by a consensus of a congregation, and are only part of a ministry's modus-operendi.

Your personal guidelines are not rules imposed on you by others; but **are**, rather, **your own convictions** on how to be a servant of God and a minister to others: **your God given vision**. Your guidelines are none of my business; they are between you and the Master.

Proverbs 29: 18. **Where there is no vision, the people perish**: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Habakkuk 2:2. And the Lord answered me, and said, **Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables**, that he may run that readeth it.

It is important to **know your guidelines** and almost as important to **write them**. I can't speak for anyone else, but I need an occasional reminder {to combat AAADD (Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder)} of my reasonable service.

Colossians 3:23&24. And **whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord**, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Romans 12:1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 Corinthians 5: 18-20. And **all things are of God, who** hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, **and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation**; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

2 Peter 3:9. **The Lord is** not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish** but that all should come to repentance

Romans 12:4&5. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So **we**, being many, **are one body in Christ**, and every one members one of another.

God has a plan for all; let's call His plan a "blanket vision". Each pastor has an "umbrella vision". And each individual has a vision (goal) that fits under the umbrella. Your guidelines help to keep you in the correct lane on the highway to your goal. Sometimes it's OK to color out-side the lines. Always remember that the windshield is not in the floor.

Seek God through His Word and through prayer. Ask Him to reveal His vision and guidelines and to write them on the tables of your heart. It is your choice whether to share your personal guidelines with others or not. I would suggest that you share with your pastor.

MY GUIDELINES

MINISTRY:

Music -- Harmonica

VISION:

To worship God through the anointing and God given skill.

Psalm 150; Psalm 57:7; Psalm 108:1; 2 Kings 3:15; Psalm 33:3

GUIDELINES:

To trust God.

To maintain a servant's attitude.

To show Agape.

To encourage the praise team and fellow musicians.

To arrive at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled service times for preparation; including but not limited to prayer, practice, and sound check.

To attend, if possible, all scheduled practice sessions.

To assist as needed.

Additional comments:

I pray that God will empower me to adhere to the above guidelines. In Jesus' name.

Name: Edward E Edwards Jr

Signature:

Date: 18 August 2013

MY GUIDELINES

MINISTRY:

Helps : doorkeeper

VISION:

Psalms 84:1& 10. How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

GUIDELINES:

To trust God.

To maintain a servant's attitude.

To show Agape.

To assist as needed.

To avoid losing the key.

To remember to bring the key,

Check and lock all exterior doors after services.

Turn off all air handling units Sunday nights

Turn off all air handling units except educational building Tuesday nights

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Signature:

Date: 19 August 2013

MY GUIDELINES

MINISTRY:

HELPS : Grounds maintenance (Edging)

VISION:

Stewardship

1 Corinthians 12: 27&28. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, **helps**, governments, diversities of tongues.

GUIDELINES:

To trust God.

To maintain a servant's attitude.

To show Agape.

Edge front of main entrance every 10 days

Edge old sidewalk (East end) monthly

Trim West end of lot occasionally

To assist other maintenance items as needed.

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