



“E-Team E-Zine”

*Encouragement and Equipping for Evangelism
That Extends the Kingdom*

“Basic Coaching Resources”

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I’ve become a student of coaching. I look in bookstores, snoop the internet and keep my ears open to find resources to help me be a better coach. I’m finding that coaching resources are out there, but most come from a sports or business perspective. Resources to help those of us who coach primarily in a ministry context are not plentiful. However, the more I read, the more I realize that great coaching principles work in all of life’s playing fields, and the best coaching practices are based on Biblical principles. So, we can find help to become great coaches from a variety of sources.

Are great coaches “born” or “made”? Yes. God gifts people with the qualities that make them a potentially great coach...wisdom, discernment, encouragement are some of the most important. But, we also have to become intentional about developing the skills that make the gifts most effective under the anointing of God’s Spirit.

Here are some great resources you can begin with as you develop your coaching abilities.

“Empowering Leaders Through Coaching”— Steve Ogne and Tom Nebel. This is a tape and workbook set that is the single best overall resource for understanding coaching from a ministry and Biblical perspective. A companion “Coach’s Log Book” you can also order makes it even more effective. Blending both the philosophical and practical aspects of coaching, this is the place to start. You can get it from ChurchSmart Resources by calling 800-253-4276 or going to www.ChurchSmart.com

“Coaching for Performance” by John Whitmore. This is a book from more of a business perspective, but well-written and very practical. Whitmore introduces the “G*R*O*W” concept of coaching, which I’ll talk more about in our next issue. Published by Nicholas Brealey Publishing, you can find it at a local bookstore or on the Net at places like www.amazon.com or www.half.com.

“CoachNet” Developed by Bob Logan, this is an exceptional internet based resource. The most important part of the many facets of CoachNet is the vast library of resources

you can use as a coach. There are dozens of topics you can use for your own growth and to pass along to those you coach. Downloadable worksheets, articles and other resources are literally at your fingertips. CoachNet is available by subscription at about \$75 a year, but well worth it if you use it. You can find out more at www.coachnet.org.

Coaching Seminars There are some that are very helpful. CRM (Church Resource Ministries, www.crmnet.org) provides excellent training and coaching. CMTc (Church Multiplication Training Center, www.CMTcmultiply.org) always has a one-day coaching seminar on the front end of their Boot Camps. Inquest Ministries, www.inquestministries.com is another group committed to providing resources and training. All are good options to consider.

If you desire to have the best influence you can on others, especially those you want to see grow in their walk and work for the Lord, then becoming more intentional about developing your coaching skills is essential. Start small, but start now...and you'll be surprised at the difference becoming a great coach will make on the many playing fields of your life.

Next edition: "How to "G*R*O*W" Others as a Coach"



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