

The Children's Ministry Leader Calling, Preparation and Pursuit

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Ministry is...

- about bringing glory to God
- about the advancement of the gospel
- for the serving and equipping of God's people

The need is the call.

- Many people are called to ministry because they see a need and desire to fulfill it.
- Luke 10:29–36, John 15:16, Philippians 2:13

The primary preparation for those called to Christian leadership is salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

"The one called by God to spiritual leadership can be confident that the Holy Spirit has given him or her all necessary gifts for the service at hand." - J. Oswald Sanders

Titus 1:6–8 and 1 Timothy 3:2–7

"Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God" - 2 Corinthians 3:5 (NIV).

According to Scriptures, the foundation for effective ministerial leadership is not found in training, education, or skills development but rather in the following:

- serving faithfully to God's call (John 15:16)
- remaining in relationship with Him (John 15:4)
- depending on the empowering work of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:17)

1 Corinthians 3:9

"Our calling to serve kids is not a lesser calling. It is to be taken seriously and is worthy of our best efforts."

"Spiritual leadership requires Spirit-filled people."

Growing Practically

- Credentialing
- Education

- Media, Podcasts, and Webinars
- Mentoring
- Networking
- Personal Resource Library
- Serve
- Social Media

Recommended Resources

Children's Ministries Resources

- *CM Certification Level I and II*
- *Children's Ministry Handbook*

Children's Ministry Books

- *Children's Ministry that Works*, Group Publishing
- *Whose Child Is This*, Bill Wilson
- *Children Matter: Celebrating Their Place in the Church, Family and Community*, Scottie May
- *The Progressive Children's Ministry Leader*, Esther Moreno

Leadership Books

- *Being Leaders*, Aubrey Malphurs
- *The Making of a Leader*, Frank Damazio
- *Leadership*, Peter Northouse
- *Spiritual Leadership*, J. Oswald Sanders
- *The Spiritual Formation of Leaders*, Chuck Miller
- *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership*, Ruth Haley Barton

Podcasts

- The Carey Nieuwhof Podcast
- *The Art of Teaching*, John Mark Comer
- The Craig Groeschel Leadership Podcast

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