



VIEWING MINISTRY THROUGH THE LENS OF ABUNDANCE

(in times of scarcity)

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CONNECT with others in your field

- Partner with another Christian Education Director in your area; meet regularly to share ideas and resources
- Nurture long distance friendships with colleagues with whom you can identify
- Organize a get together for local Christian Educators and find ways to support each other

EXPLORE new ways of seeing/doing things

- Be open to new ideas and suggestions
- Take calculated risks
- Step outside your comfort zone
- Visualize your ideal future
- View challenging times as an opportunity for personal and professional growth

CHOOSE to see things differently

- Find the good during difficult times
- Learn from challenges
- Know that you are not alone
- Challenge yourself to see the good in difficult situations
- Acknowledge your doubts and fears with actual words
- Embrace change as natural, inevitable

BE ready to listen

- Focus on being instead of doing
- Practice active listening
- Pay attention to personal and relational health
- Grieve losses, share celebrations
- Breathe in hope and breathe out anxiety



BUILD relationships

- Find and implement new ways to build bridges among and between individuals and groups
- Identify strengths in people or programs and build on them
- Create opportunities for relationship building among age groups
- Facilitate faith development in every aspect of your ministry

TRIM unnecessary things from your life and programming

- Take inventory: Identify areas that are draining to you and your volunteers and eliminate them
- Be realistic about what you can and can't do well enough to sustain
- Resist making a habit of over-commitment
- Say, "No!" when necessary

RE-DISCOVER what nourishes you

- Worship regularly, consider attending services at a different church than where you work
- Meditate, pray in ways that are authentic for you
- Explore beliefs
- Consider spiritual direction

PRAISE yourself and others

- Be aware of God's goodness in your life
- Be watchful of the gifts of others in your church and personal life and act on that awareness
- Say thank you for the little things that others do

CELEBRATE God's grace!

- ... in little successes
- ... in personal stories
- Mark life's milestones (birthdays, anniversaries, births, adoptions etc...)