

WIMBA NEWS



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Upcoming Events

- September 14, 2013 — Inspire Conference 7770 Corinne Dr., Hammond, IN, 10am-2pm
- October 12, 2013 — Empowerment Session Location: Grand Prairie Library, 3479 W. 183rd St., Hazel Crest, IL
- 11/7—11/9/2013 Soaring For the Kingdom Leading With Integrity Conference — *Guest Speaker: Dr. Rita Twiggs*

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7 Things Great Leaders Have in Common - Part II

Great leaders are great because they are humble enough to learn from the great leadership team that surrounds them. Great leaders learn from leaders who have journeyed further down the leadership road than they have. Great leaders attract and build great leadership teams. They are also lifelong learners. The number one need all over the world is not money, social programs or even new governments but quality, moral disciplined principle-centered leadership. The search for genuine leadership is becoming more and more difficult. However, there are seven commonalities that all great leaders possess.



Pastor Joyce Calvin, President

- They Walk their talk. They walk in integrity and keep their commitments. All genuine leadership is built on trust. Embodying the Values is all about walking your talk. Being a leader is not easy; it means that you are a role model to many. A leader is a person who guides others toward a common goal, showing the way by example, and creating an environment in which other team members feel actively involved in the entire process. A leader is not the boss of the team but, instead, the person that is committed to carrying out the mission of the team. What makes a person want to follow a leader? People want to be guided by people they respect and who have a clear sense of direction.

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EAGLE Spotlight

by Alma Davey



Dr. Pamela Ross is the Director of Membership for WIMBA. She walks in the favor of God and touches the lives of everyone she comes in contact with in a positive way. This exciting woman is articulate, talented, anointed, a devoted Christ-follower, an apostolic teacher, an author and a mom.

Dr. Ross has been awarded an Honorary Doctoral Degree from the Institute for Christian Works. This degree recognizes individuals who have attained achievements of extraordinary and lasting distinction, humanitarian service or public service. Pam says, "This was one of the greatest moments of my life."

She is also the president of Kingdom Leadership Development, Inc. (KLD), a non-profit organization dedicated to helping leaders perform at their highest level for the service of man and the glory of God. Pam says, "in addition to supporting all aspects of my personal ministry, KLD provides leadership training and consultations for churches, schools and businesses."

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New Members Corner

On behalf of all of us at WIMBA, we would like to extend a warm and heart felt welcome to all of our new members. Your membership is key to creating the success of WIMBA. We look forward to a productive relationship moving forward.



Dr. Sanja Stinson



Rev. Clara Mansfield-Hogue

Business Plan 101

by Latangela Rogers

Are you planning to start a business? If so, there are several critical steps that you should take before starting your business. A business plan is your first step. It is a written description of your business and the future plans for the financial growth, marketing and sales strategy for your business. In preparing your business plan, you should identify who your competitors are.

Your business plan will require extensive research of your industry. It will pay to do this work in advance. This plan generally projects the first 3-5 years ahead and outlines the route your company will need to take to grow revenues. If you follow your business plan during the first 3-5 years, you should see an increase in your profit, resources, and in your abilities as a business owner. For more information on how to write your business plan, visit www.sba.gov. You can also use their business plan template to create your business plan.

A Reasonable Alternative Manifested for You by Alma Davey

Whether you have a business and /or ministry, setting goals and reaching them are essential to being successful. Perhaps what you set out to accomplish is not working for you. Are you feeling that your goals are just unreachable? Have you been trusting people instead of God to help you fulfill your goals? Has God been speaking to you and you haven't been listening or being obedient? No matter how unreachable your goal/s look to you, God is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us". (Ephes.3:20)

God has a RAM for your situation. The RAM is God's Reasonable Alternative Manifested and it appears when you have been obedient to God, sacrificing what you want, love, or want to do. God told Abraham that he would establish his covenant with Isaac and his seed after him, but then asked him to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. Just when Abraham was about to slay Isaac, a RAM appeared in the bush as the replacement for the sacrifice. (Genesis 22:10-13)

Naaman, captain of the host of the King of Syria, was a mighty man of valor, but he was also a leper. The prophet Elisha sent him a message to dip in the Jordan River seven times to be healed. (II Kings 5:9-10) One of his servants convinced him to do as the prophet had suggested. When he put aside his pride and dipped into the river, he was healed. There in the muddy river was his RAM. The RAM is God's gift to you as you walk in obedience to him. You never know when or where the RAM will appear to contribute to the success of your business and/or ministry.

EAGLE Spotlight continued

by Alma Davey

I asked Pam to tell us about INSPIRE, a KLD event. *"I am on this planet to inspire! INSPIRE is a half-day motivational/educational event designed to breathe new life into the dreams of attendees. It's an environment for dreamers from all walks of life to gather and receive the motivation and "next steps" to making their dreams come true. This year INSPIRE is coming to Indiana, Sept 14, 2013."* Details available at www.inspirein.eventbrite.com

Dr. Pamela Ross is the author of a training manual, *Serving, Leading and Loving, A Survival Guide for Kingdom Leaders*, and we look forward to her next published work *The Force of Joy*. Meanwhile, she continues to write a weekly installment to *Mentoring Moments, the 1-min blog* in print, audio and video versions. Subscriptions are free and available at www.pamross.net.

Homeschooling: *An Alternative to Traditional Education for Your Children* by Gwendolyn Dugas

Homeschooling has come a long way from the time I began 23 years ago. More people are considering educating their children from home for various reasons versus sending them to public schools. Homeschooling is just like being a mom or a dad; it's a calling. It is not for everyone. It takes discipline, focus, and persistence. Homeschooling comes with a financial sacrifice, but for those who decide to invest into their children's education and spirituality, it's worth it. You get to do in your home what public schools won't do; that is to teach your children about Christ on a daily basis.

Homeschooling gives you the flexibility to teach whenever and wherever you like. As your child's teacher, you will be able to identify their strengths and weaknesses and put together curriculums suited for your child's learning style that will help him or her to excel. It's not all text-book learning. Our family had the liberty to travel to Europe and study about France for a month. You don't have to have a degree in teaching to home school your child.

One of the benefits of homeschooling is that the one on one teaching the child receives helps them to stand out among their peers and receive honors when they go to college. The family bond that homeschoolers experience is priceless. These are just a few benefits to homeschooling, but homeschooling isn't for everyone. I am glad it was for me, and for each of my children!

There are home school support groups in every area for those who wish to home school or learn more about educating their own children. I hope you the best in your decision making process in educating your children.

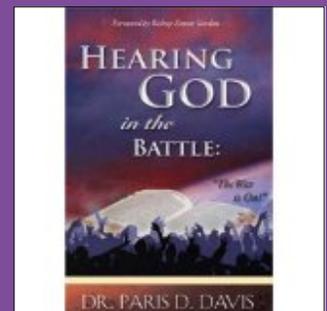
Hearing God in the Battle



Do you sometimes feel that you are going through this life blindfolded; or that you are defenseless against the challenges that you face; or that the attacks on your life are relentless? If so, learn to live this Christian lifestyle with the divine confidence that the Lord Jesus declares is ours. This lifestyle involves a battle & whether we acknowledge it or not, we are in it! **"Hearing God in the Battle: The War is On!"** explores many of the strategies & tools that are available to us because of our relationship with our King. We are charged to be armed & ready to go as He commands. Whether it is a time of preparation, growth, warring, or restoration, this is our time to be triumphant! Why? Because the war is raging on & it's our season to receive the full benefits of His Kingdom, especially living a victorious life! Dr. Paris Davis has over 25 years of upper level corporate experience with several major corporations. She is the Executive Director for a non-profit organization that provides faith-based community services & training in the areas of organizational design & strategic management for Pastors, Church Leaders and business owners.



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Prophetic Corner

by Prophet Frances Davis



*How precious also are thy **thoughts** (purpose, aim) unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them! [If] I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee (Psa 139:17-18)*

This scripture speaks on the reasons God wants to communicate to his people. Can HE trust you to communicate his thoughts? What are the thoughts that God has regarding you and the ministry he has planted in you? The sobering contrast is the description of the thoughts of man. *The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they [are] vanity. (Psalm 94:11)*

For that reason your prophetic voice can never include your thoughts. The prophetic voice is normally thought of as predictive and foretelling. The preemptive purpose of that prophetic vessel is to declare what God wants to convey about the subject or situation. What does God want to convey? The answer to that question hardly ever conforms to the program and plan of man. How does the word of the Lord translate except through the governor?

*The Spirit of God hath **made** me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. (Job 33:4)*

Made: to do, fashion, accomplish, work, make, produce, to deal (with) to act, act with effect, effect, produce, to prepare, to make (an offering) to attend to, put in order, to observe, celebrate, to acquire (property) to appoint, ordain, institute, to bring about, use, to spend, pass, to be done, to press, squeeze

Life: 1) to live, have life, remain alive, sustain life, live prosperously, live for ever, be quickened, be alive, be restored to life or health

- a) from sickness, from discouragement, from faintness, from death
- b) to cause to grow

This manifestation of the Holy Spirit brings so much to you but the initial benefit is the restoration of life. This name of the Holy Spirit is called the Free Spirit.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me [with thy] free spirit. (Psalm 51:12)

This liberation has to saturate your being with joy and power. It has to encompass every fiber of your person. This power is not given to everyone; but everyone wants power.

Overshadow means to exceed in importance; or to outweigh.

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (Luke 1:35)

This birthing was foretold and the name was already established. The name of what you're carrying should be replaced with "Son of God". What has been implanted in your womb that God needs to be released on earth? The holy thing will bring forth the same "greater works" results mentioned in Isaiah 61:1.

When you give birth to the holy thing; when you bring the results on the earth that God intended, the results of that incredible thing that you are carrying is going to perform the following function: *The Spirit of the Lord GOD [is] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to [them that are] bound; (Isa 61:1)*

Come on....PUSH.... release the Holy Thing!



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BUSINESS SAVVY TIPS? - *When Opportunity Presents Itself, Will You Be READY?*

by Ebonie Sara Louise Kelley

What is an Elevator Pitch?

- An Elevator Pitch is a short quick overview of a person, group, organization, service or a product.

Imagine you are entering an elevator and the President of your company or a company you want to work for, or a potential client, or a contact you have been pursuing for month's gets on. You have 30 seconds until they reach the 5th floor where they will get off and walk away from you forever. What do you do? You give them your Elevator Pitch.

Within these 30 seconds, YOU WILL WANT:

- To introduce yourself
- Share who you are
- Share what you do
- Give the other person your business card (Sharing your business card communicates your interest in establishing a professional relationship)
- Share what's in it for them (People want to know how they will benefit from this relationship)
- Be aware of your body language

You simply want to make an IMPRESSION not a sale!

Networking: 5 Things You Want the Other Person To Know

Networking creates new opportunities and allows you to operate interactively with people you want to connect with. The next time that you meet someone try sharing the following:

1. Your contact information (elevator pitch): What kind of relationship are you looking to establish.
2. What makes you a specialist in your field: Why are you a leader in your profession - Give people a reason to want to talk to you
3. Briefly discuss a creative project you're working on, work/ministry/on your own: Initiative is a favorite business buzzword.
4. Share something unique that will make you stand out: Sharing a unique personal story or an entertaining fact is a good way to stay memorable after a networking event.
5. Let them know you're interested in their profession, too: After you have spoken...BE PATIENT! Consciously let them speak - there is something in it for you.

Once you walk away, you don't want the person's memory of you to be, ME ME ME!



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The number one need all over the world is not money, social programs or even new governments. It is quality, moral disciplined principle-centered leadership.

We are EAGLES:
Enthusiastic, Anointed,
God Loving, Leaders,
Equipped to Serve Him
 and His people.

Isaiah 40:31



7 Things Great Leaders Have in Common *continued*

To gain respect, leaders must be ethical. Their sense of direction is achieved by conveying a strong vision of the future.

So basically, leaders must be trustworthy and be able to communicate a vision of where they are going. People have a tendency to closely watch their leaders, the kind of demeanor they carry, the way they speak to them, as well as their general behavior. Therefore, it is essential to keep a positive attitude even in tough situations. When people decide to respect a leader; they observe what they do so they can know who they really are. People then use this observation to tell if that person is an honorable and trusted leader, or a self-serving person who misuses authority. A good leader has an honorable character and they serve selflessly.

- They are Self-Motivated. Hope and optimism are essential qualities for the servant of God. David encouraged himself.

Now when David and his men came home to Ziklag on the third day, they found that the Amalekites had made a raid on the South (the Negeb) and on Ziklag, and had struck Ziklag and burned it with fire, ²And had taken the women and all who were there, both great and small, captive. They killed no one, but carried them off and went on their way. ³So David and his men came to the town, and behold, it was burned, and their wives and sons and daughters were taken captive. ⁴Then David and the men with him lifted up their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep. ⁵David's two wives also had been taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail, the widow of Nabal the Carmelite. ⁶David was greatly distressed, for the men spoke of stoning him because the souls of them all were bitterly grieved, each man for his sons and daughters. But David encouraged and strengthened himself in the Lord his God. ⁷David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray you, bring me the ephod. And Abiathar brought him the ephod. ⁸ And David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them? The Lord answered him, Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all. 1 Samuel 30:1-8 (AMP)

- Giving up is not an option for them. They know what it takes for them to stay built up. Their attitude is an important determinant to their successfully overcoming leadership challenges. And most importantly, they are passionate towards the work that they do. *⁷My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is steadfast and confident! I will sing and make melody. Psalm 57:7 (AMP) Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*
- They are also Purpose Focused – they concentrate their attention and energies on the end goal. They also guard their anointing – because they know what it cost them.

Now it happened when Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall, and that there were no breaks left in it (though at that time I had not hung the doors in the gates), ²that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together among the villages in the plain of Ono." But they thought to do me harm. ³So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?" ⁴But they sent me this message four times, and I answered them in the same manner. Nehemiah 6 (NKJV)

- Last but not least they Value Results and Relationships. Gifted leaders - those who lead at a higher level - value both results and relationships. They connect and team with other like-minded women to leverage their talents, perspectives, skills, experiences, and supportive energies. They keep their minds open to new techniques and they search out people and methods to sharpen their saws. Great leaders keep their heart free and clear of bitterness, and jealousy because they know it is one of the secrets of receiving from God.



Dr. Rita Twigg
Keynote Presenter



Prophetess
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We are pleased to invite you to the 3rd Annual Soaring for the Kingdom 2013 Conference “Leading With Integrity WALK the TALK”. Join us for three days of amazing praise and worship, life changing messages, phenomenal speakers, workshops, and great vendor exhibitions. The conference begins on Thursday evening and continues through Saturday afternoon.

We have gathered some of the most anointed and powerful women speakers and workshop leaders to share important lessons they’ve learned from their phenomenal experiences. These women are definitely trailblazers. Moreover every one of them has been in your shoes. They’ve faced impossible challenges, dealt with difficult people, had their bright ideas turned down, faced adversity in every shape and size. They’ve overcome seemingly impossible odds to prove themselves in ministry and or business arenas. These fascinating women will inspire you, motivate you, and move you to laughter and even tears as they share incredible insights from the word of God.

You’ll leave armed with new strategies that will make you a stronger leader, entrepreneur, minister, communicator, a more confident Christian, and an all-around more productive woman. You will return to your church, ministry, or business refreshed and rejuvenated. Your head will be brimming with new ideas that you can’t wait to put into action!

This conference is also designed to help your daughters (12-17) learn how to lead with integrity; therefore don’t leave them at home bring them with you at no additional cost.

Please don’t allow yourself to miss the invaluable information and learning, the contacts and camaraderie, and the excitement that this conference has in store for you! Register now for this awesome event specifically designed to enhance your leadership skills and grow your ministry and/or business! Visit our website at www.womenofvalorministry.org today to reserve your spot.

3 Ways to Register

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WIMBA is a coalition of Christian women who are Ministers of the Gospel, Ministry leaders and Business owners dedicated to empowering other Christian Women Leaders through Kingdom Principles.

Our mission is to identify, create, and facilitate key strategies and programs that will nurture, equip, enhance, and promote the overall level of readiness of Christian women leaders through direct relationships.

Our vision is to come together in order to encourage, mentor, and provide a support system for women leaders to excel in their purpose.

³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31(NIV)

Get plugged into WIMBA if you are ready to take your ministry, business, influence and leadership to the next level, as well as connect with other like-minded Christian women leaders who can help you. Email us today at: Womenofvalorministry@yahoo.com



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MINISTRY BLOOPERS & BLUNDERS

by Alma Davey

1. You modeled your ministry after another ministry, now you have a cloned ministry. (Trust God, acknowledge him and he will direct your path. Proverbs 3:5-6)
2. You made a humorous comment during your speech to an audience that didn't approve of your humor. (Make sure your audience is familiar with you.)
3. Most ministries have their yearly events around the same time. You scheduled your event on the same day as a ministry that you fellowship with. (Always check your calendar and the websites for other ministry events to avoid these situations)
4. You listened to what other people said and not what God said to do concerning your ministry. *For the word of the Lord is right. Psalms 33:4*
5. Just when you were about to address the pastor of the church in which you are ministering, you forgot his name. (Remember to always put the pastor's name on your notes)
6. You're constantly looking for validation from people as to whether you are on the right track with your ministry. (God has the roadmap, follow it. He sends people to help you, not change his plan.)
7. You got a word from someone and if you receive it and act on it, it could cause chaos in your ministry. (God is not the author of confusion, but of peace.... (I Cor 14:33)

WIMBA Members during the June Empowerment Session

