

Principles and Procedures in Youth Ministry

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Youth Minister Attitude 1:

Be Ready to Hand Over Your Faith

Youth Minister Attitude 2:

Be Ready to Hand Over True Responsibility to the Young People

Youth Minister Attitude 3:

Be Ready to Adapt Programs to the Gifts of Your Adult Leaders

Three questions suggest themselves as criteria in selecting adult leaders:

1. Do they see Christianity as a way of life or as a set of rules and commands?
2. Do they need young people more than the young people need them?
3. Are they comfortable with themselves?

Youth Minister Attitude 4:

Be Ready to Continue Your Own Way as a Pilgrim

Suggestions For Planning that Affect Our Methodology:

1. Plan Short Rather Than Long
2. Plan Simple Rather Than Complex
3. Plan Inclusive Rather Than Exclusive
4. Plan For Their Needs, Not Yours
5. Plan For Atmosphere and For Further Planning
6. Plan To Waste Time On The Young
7. Plan to Expect and Then To Accept Failures
8. Plan To Learn By Doing