

A Principle of Intelligent Growth

At a certain time in the life of a leader, he/she begins to see the bigger picture of the mechanics and dynamics of leading others. In today's fast-track world, when novelties and new ideas are expected twice within the same year (like new smart phones are), it is important to formulate and implement principles that help make the right choices. We must base all we do on truth; not fearing failures; planning and evaluating outcomes; improving or changing methods to be efficient and effective; and, understanding the human comprehension factor both of co-workers and the target audience. I have formulated a Principle of Intelligent Growth that tries to show the needed balance between staying focused on outcomes, while keeping all processes connected and meeting human comprehension criteria

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1. Background

Every organization, movement, and ministry has its cycles of development. And there is the general expectation that the organization should be growing and developing all the time. However, this is not always the case, and I would even risk saying that at times it would be better to "bankrupt" ministries than to keep them alive... 5 x M

But, when we do see the Lord's blessing in our work, what should we do to keep it and preserve it?

2. The Principle of Intelligent Growth

After much prayer and thinking/reading, I have come to a conclusion of sorts: a simple principle.

To maintain long-term growth, three major areas should stay balanced:

- 1. staying focused on wanted, realistic and needed outcomes;*
- 2. keeping ALL processes leading to those outcomes effectively connected and*
- 3. meeting (monitoring) human comprehension abilities of our target group.*

3. Bad examples

4. Good examples

5. Problems we discover while trying to implement that principle

6. How to overcome them?

7. New level of accountability and progress criteria: Spiritual Growth Assistant (SGA)

8. Conclusions