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Principles for Christian school pioneers

1. Use what you have

- Ask the community for gifts, occupations and skills.
- Be resourceful; be a lateral thinker.



2. Trust God

- Don't get concerned about lack. God will provide and multiply.



3. Simplicity

- Simplicity is the message. Jesus spoke simply. Jesus used what was around Him.



Consider the lilies of the field, Matthew 6:26

4. Be obedient to the calling

- When God speaks, that is the time to act.
- If you know that God has called you to do a job, act!
- *Whatever your hand finds to do, do it. (Ecc. 9:10)*



5. Unity

- Unity and team work are essential.
- Prayer is a key to this.
- Avoid division. Division is destructive.



6. Believe in your vision

- Don't be concerned about being in the minority.
- A person in the place that God has called them to be, has a great impact on those around them.
- *And indeed, some who are last will be first, and some who are first will be last. Luke 13:30*



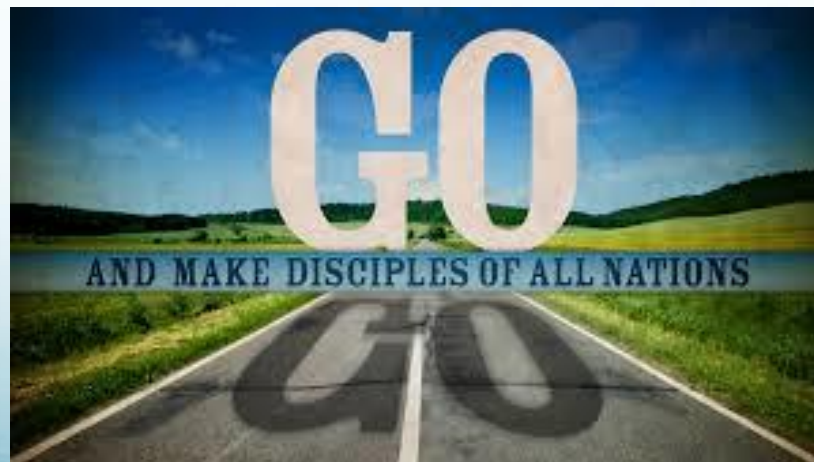
7. Be generous

- When you are generous, things will flourish.
- *Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (Luke 6:38)*



8. Share the vision

- Share the vision of Christian education as you know it, with others in the body of Christ.
- Encourage Christian families to put God first in their children's education.
- Take the vision to other places.



9. Meet people where they are at

- Look for alternative methods where people don't have the technology.



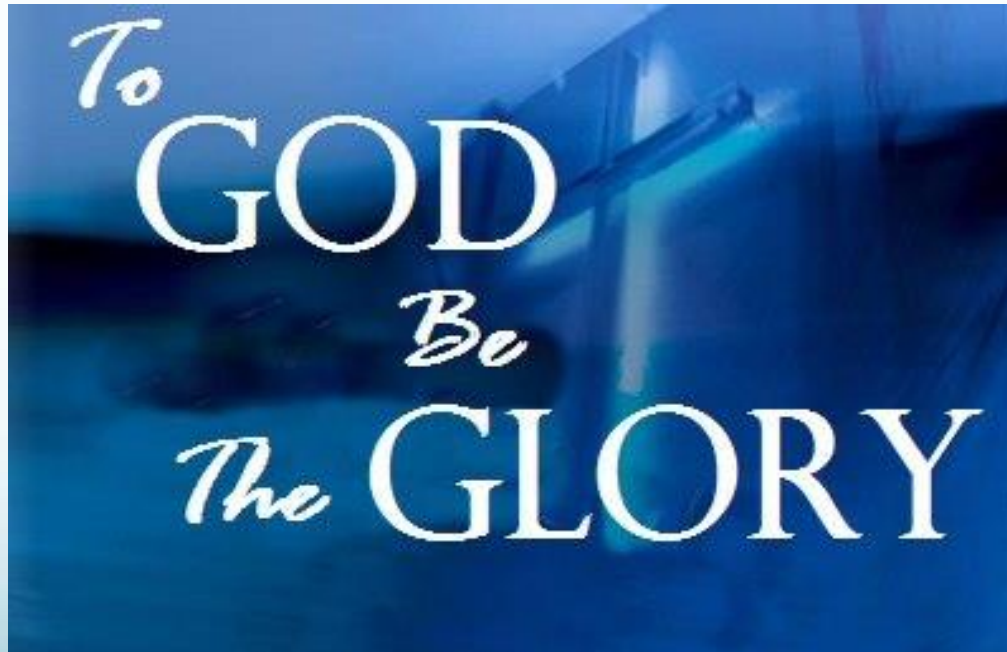
10. Intercessors

- Have intercessors praying for you. The enemy wants to disrupt.
- Teachers also need to be praying and to be alert.



11. Let the Lord build the school

- Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.(Psalm 127:1)



What should a Christian school look like?

- A place of peace and love, noticeable in the staff, students, parents and playground.
- Life, joy, and enthusiasm in the children
- A place where there is an outworking of God-centred curriculum.
- Well-kept, aesthetically reflecting God's creative beauty

- A place where God's presence is felt 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, not just in devotional periods.
- A place of celebration for the whole school community
- A place of celebrating the children's successes and growth, not their ability to measure up.
- A place where God's truth can be discovered and practiced.