

IS THERE TOO MUCH POWER IN TOO MUCH KNOWLEDGE?

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OPENING

- Who are you? Location, church size
- Why did you choose this workshop?



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STORYTIME



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TOP DONORS: WHY DO YOU GIVE?

- Transactional: It is what I have always done
- Paying dues: To be provided a "service"
- Gratitude: As a response of God's love



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RESPONSE OF TOP DONORS

- *"It felt so good to know that there are others out there supporting the church in a healthy way besides me."*
- *"I had no idea the diversity of people and their gifts, thank you for introducing us."*
- *"Even though we don't expect praise, it felt good to be thanked and see what that my money is making a difference in the lives of people."*



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SERVICE/NOT MONEY: WHY DO YOU GIVE?

- Shame
- Spousal disagreements
- Priorities

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Do you have a relationship?
2. Can you handle the knowledge?

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SIGNS OF AN INSIDER-FOCUSED CHURCH

1. Personal preference drives decision making
2. Emotion trumps the Mission
3. Sacrifice is non-existent
4. Any growth is mostly transfer growth
5. Innovation is dead or on life-support

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3. Is your knowing helping you lead people to Christ?

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JOHN 4: THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

▪ **KNOWLEDGE**

• Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

▪ **POWER**

• Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴²So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴³And because of his words many more became believers.

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QUESTIONS

1. What has been your stance on this issue? Should you know or not know?
2. What do you think after hearing this workshop?
3. Do you have any insights to share with us on ways you have used your knowledge (particularly of giving) to help people move closer to Christ and the Kingdom of God?

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