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Leaders Looking for Gold

The trouble and effort to which people go in searching for gold is both ridiculous and rewarding. It can be likened to finding leaders. It's a rare thing to trip over a nugget of gold, and likewise in finding leaders. Most of the time "finding" leaders is like mining for gold! What an exciting adventure it is.

As I was writing this, I read the following from the Word for the Day Devotional:

"When you consider some of the people Jesus called to be His disciples, the word 'dysfunctional' comes to mind. But Jesus wasn't put off. Like finding treasure in the rubbish, He was able to see their potential, draw it out and develop it. And that's your story too, isn't it?" Brilliant!

Like mining for gold you need to understand a few principles:-

Firstly: You need to *believe* there is gold out there. Many pastors are believing for a leader to be dropped at the front door of their church. While this can certainly happen, it is the exception and not the rule. You need to believe they are out there, in your congregation, and also going to come in.

Secondly: Just as there is often a lot of water in between you and the fish catch, there can be a lot of dirt and dross between you and the 'leadership gold'. Digging, searching, panning and finding those specs of gold is hard work, but very rewarding. A spec or nugget of gold is often *disguised* by dirt. Allow God to do some Holy Ghost Word washing and see the gleam of potential shine through.



Thirdly and by no means finally: You need to fashion and *shape* the gold. They may start as rough nuggets, however, like gold, they need to be fired up and then fashioned and released into their God given purpose.

Pastors/Leaders, it is part of our job description to find gold in people - Leaders that is!

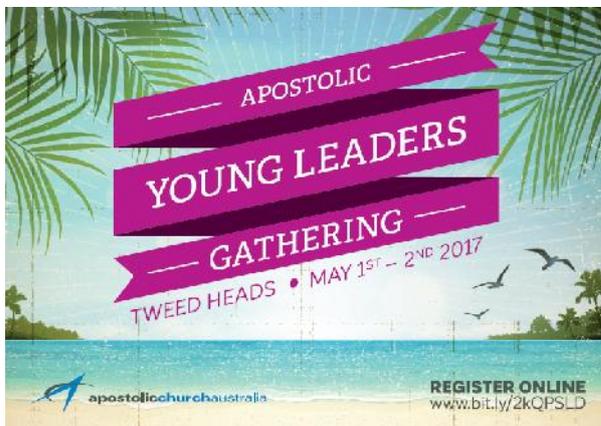
2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

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* If you would like to serve at the Conference at the Children's program, the host team, or in admin, please contact Amy-lee at amylee@apostolic.org.au



YOUTH LEADERS GATHERING 1-2 MAY

Guest Speaker: Sam Fagan
(Hillsong City Youth Pastor).

The Apostolic Youth Leaders Gathering will be held from May 1-2, 2017 at Twin Towns Conference Centre, NSW.

To register for the Youth Leaders Gathering click [HERE](#). You are required to separately register for both National Conference and Youth Leader Gathering.

* If you are also attending the National Conference, please contact amy-lee@apostolic.org.au to obtain a promo code for your free ticket. Starts Monday, 1 May 2017 at 12:00 pm - Tuesday, 2 May 2017 at 12:00pm.

From the Office

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