

FACING THE CHALLENGES

How to Persevere through Limitations to Train Pastors in the Local Church

Common Challenges

1. A Lack of Clear Direction
2. A Lack of Elder Support
3. A Lack of Financial Resources
4. A Scarcity of Gifted/Aspiring Men
5. The Departure of Gifted/Aspiring Men
6. The “Distraction” of Everyday Ministry
7. The “Distraction” of Ministry Crises
8. The Burden of Leadership Disunity
9. The Reality of Personal Limitations
10. The Temptation to Outsource Training

Persevering through the Challenges

1. Embrace and maintain the priority of training men.
2. Pray that God would raise up men through your ministry.
3. Seek to cultivate a church-wide culture of training men.
4. Develop an immediate- and long-term plan for training men.
5. Don't underestimate your impact on the men you're training.
6. Don't compromise the high level of training they need.
7. Recognize the limitations of the training you can provide.
8. Be willing to send a man elsewhere for further training.
9. Be committed to preparing that man for the next phase of training.
10. Be content with your role in the process of God's greater work.
11. Strive to increase the scope and effectiveness of your training.
12. Consider uniting with other like-minded churches in training men.
13. Be faithful to the mandate regardless of your current limitations.