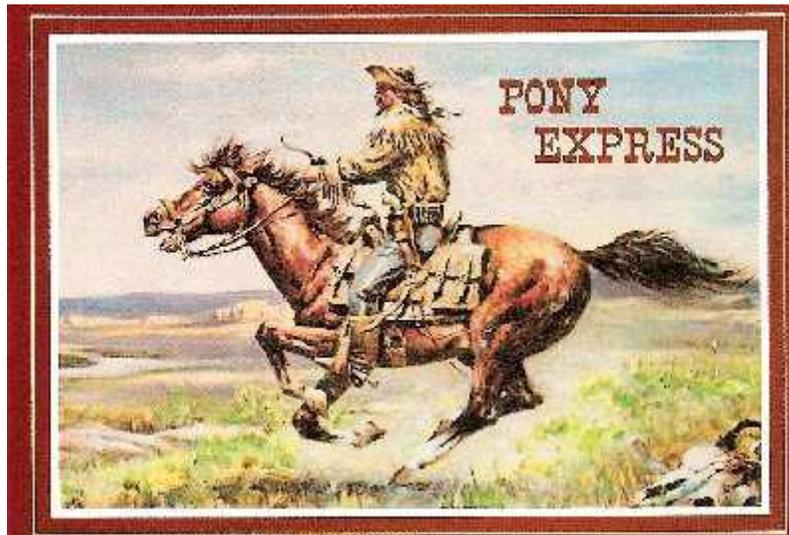




JANUARY 2015



THE CHURCH'S VOCATION—TO EXPRESS THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST  
MATTHEW 28:19

**M.O.V.E.**—Men Of Valor Empowered:

In December, the year 2013 after the conquest of death through our Lord's resurrection, I was provoked by God to call all Royal Ranger Directors in our Great Lakes Region to join together in a call for a spiritual fast. Overwhelming all Leaders was in agreement and assigned the task of time elements and types of fasting to me. God inspired me to call for a forty day fast starting on December 26th and ending forty days later on February 3rd. Each man willing was to pick a time frame within, and of any type of fasting during the forty day period. God is rising up MEN OF VALOR EMPOWERED; Born out of Spirit M O V E! MOVE, an acronym for (Men Of Valor Empowered). MOVE is an instrumental auxiliary branch for ministerial affairs, (M O V E), "Men Of Valor Empowered".

Through the financial support of MOVE membership contributions; this pass year we had several boys able to attend Pow-Wow that could not afford too. One of which gave his life to Christ. As a result, his father came to the Men's Convention the next weekend and also gave his life to Christ. We were able through MOVE's support to send money for Christmas to the children, of Fort Apache where unemployment is 80%.

MOVE is making a difference in lives and all eternity! Thanks to all who are members, and God's richest blessings be yours, and those whom you love.

**(Leviticus 26:8)** *Our vision for 2015 MOVE membership is to recruit 100 men and woman.* For information on how to become a Man Of Valor Empowered, (MOVE) go to [www.kyroyalrangers.org](http://www.kyroyalrangers.org)

## How to become a member!

Memberships Applications can be found [here](#) you can download and use the form to mail by US postage system or [sign up on line here](#). If you chose to mail it, print it off and mail it—Royal Rangers, 2005 Massie School Road LaGrange, Ky. 40031. Those needing a form can call 1-888-776-8324 and request one to be mailed. All memberships are tax deductible!

**TRAINING: January 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**FOUNDATION:** (We are men based) our aim is to be the premier, most sought after church ministry for this and the next generation of men. It is not too late to sign up for training. **It's only 19 days until KRLMA** [Click for Registration](#) registration will be closed on 20<sup>th</sup>. No walk in please.

**FCF WINTER CAMP:** It's only 46 days away Until Frontier Camping Fellowship,(FCF) Winter Camp [Click here for registration](#) and [here for a flyer](#).

## Three reasons we should not reject the culture of leadership development.

### 1. Leadership Is Biblical

Throughout Scripture when there is a great move of God there is generally an accompanying leader from God. There are a couple of exceptions, but God achieving His work through leaders is a pretty consistent pattern. I'm not talking about a general feeling that someone is walking out in front—no, in the Bible, leadership is actively affirmed. Paul writing to Timothy says that “if someone desires to be an overseer, “it is a noble task.” We're reminded of the nobility of leadership even in the descriptive passage of first Timothy three, as it talks about the biblical qualifications of a pastor.

We know the names of great leaders of God's people, and we know why they matter. We know what they did. Throughout Scripture, leadership is not just a biblical concept in the church, but a godly practice. It is both prescribed (it's a noble task, it needs to be done, the call to raise up leaders), and described (stories of how leaders have functioned well and poorly). Leadership is both a biblical practice and principle.

### 2. Leadership Is Theological

Leadership is not done in a vacuum. It is theological. There are things leaders are called to do; there are things leaders are expected to be. As you look at the description of overseers in first Timothy three, you notice the vast majority of the description is descriptive of life and doctrine.

So leadership is biblical, but it's also theological. I don't lead because I memorized a few phrases and can now quote them, and they rhyme, and I can inspire people. It isn't simply about leading, but leading correctly. I can't unpack all of that in this short column, but there are several excellent books on developing a theology of leadership. Many people have led poorly, and sometimes they lead poorly because they have a bad theological basis of leadership. They just don't have a real sense of where God is calling them to lead. If God isn't leading you, where are you going to lead others? The fact that leadership is theological feeds directly into the third reason we shouldn't avoid a culture of leadership.

### 3. Leadership Is Contextual

Leadership is *theological* so that it can be *effectively contextual*. When we think theological, we think Ephesians four. God gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip God's people to engage in faithful and fruitful ministry. The theological leads to the contextual!

Why is it important to contextualize leadership? Because many of the attributes of leadership that are effective in one place will not be successful in another area because of cultural differences. Yet, in many Western societies it's that autonomous individual who leads, makes a difference or brings about change. Biblical leadership principles that worked with Moses will work with Maxwell, but the way one leads will be different from Pikeville to San Francisco. A good leader cares about cultural variations and learns to adapt them.

The I-pod generation—Varied cultural expressions reflect the creativity and diversity of God. While God is not responsible for every aberration found within culture, he did create the people and knows them in their cultural distinctions. God knows what leadership qualities work in each setting to bring about kingdom change within a community. People are wired to respond and develop in different ways. There is no reason to fight that. When we deny the nuance of contextual leadership, we create barriers that keep people from transformation.

Our Assembly of God National Directorate, “Godly inspired men,” are working hard to develop training to complement our efforts to the Great Commission. Your Kentucky Leadership Training Team, under the directive of the National Office been certified to instruct leaders at the local level in these three areas; biblical, theological and contextual.

## **A Culture of Leadership Is Needed**

So the biblical and the theological values of leadership will be constant, since God’s Word and his mission are unchanging. But the contextual value of leadership will vary from one place to another. Biblical and theological leadership truths are to be passed down to the next generation. And since there are contextual variables, we need training that addresses them. This is why the regular development of leadership resources is important. When you see someone dealing specifically with practical leadership skills and practices, do not write them off as having left the Bible. Remember: Leadership is biblical, theological and contextual.

Philippians 4:19-Pastor if you don’t send them how will they know?

## 2015 ROYAL RANGER'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JANUARY

25\*\*\*\*National Honor-Bound Day

23-24\*Men's Ministries Rep Planning Mtgs. @ Elizabethtown Holiday Inn Express

24\*\*\*\*R.R. Leadership Training Vine Grove A/G

### FEBRUARY

17\*\*\*\*Department Calendar Planning Mtgs. @ Galt House Louisville

20-21 FCF Winter Camp @ Rotary Scout Reservation Glasgow

### MARCH

7\*\*\*\*Royal Ranger's Family Pine Car Derby @ Lifeline Assembly of God Radcliff.

18-21\* National Council @ Dallas Texas

28\*\*\*\* Outpost Commanders meeting LaGrange A/G

29\*\*\*\*Palm Sunday

### **PA-TRI-OT-ISM: Love for and devotion to one's country, (kingdom).**

**Patriotism:** for the year of 2015 this is our Character trait for all Royal Ranger Leaders. The theme for this year's Pow-wow, "***The Patriot***".

### DEVOTION:

#### "The Price to be a Servant of Christ"

2 Corinthians 11:23-25

Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea...



## **Thoughts for Today:**

In any normal situation, Paul would not boast about his credentials and service record. However, this was an extraordinary circumstance and as a result we gain a very significant insight into the degree of punishment Paul received as a minister of the Gospel of Christ. Let's take a look at some of these specifically:

Floggings. Paul basically is saying he had been flogged so many times he couldn't keep track, but at the hands of the Jews, he was flogged five times. This Jewish form of punishment (prescribed in Deuteronomy 25:1-3), said that under no circumstance was anyone to be flogged more than forty times. So just in case they made a mistake in counting, the terminology used was "forty lashes minus one."

Beaten with rods three times. (Acts 16:22: "The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods.") The Book of Acts contains only one account of Paul being beaten with rods. Clearly, it does not provide us with every detail and circumstance regarding what Paul endured throughout his life. This type of beating was administered to the feet, which often resulted in broken bones. It was a Roman form of punishment and therefore should not have happened to Paul because he was a Roman citizen (Acts 22:25-26).

Shipwrecked three times. Only one of Paul's shipwrecks is recorded in the Book of Acts (Acts 27:14-44). However, just as with all the other persecutions Paul mentions in this chapter, he endured many more.

Even at this point in his ministry, Paul had suffered greatly. He had been beaten, stoned, imprisoned, shipwrecked and exposed to death many times. It is truly humbling for me to consider the great price Paul paid to share the Gospel.



## **Questions to Ponder:**

Becoming a servant of Christ can be a costly endeavor. Are you willing to pay the price? At what point would you back away? How much pain could you endure? The Lord provides His ministers of the Gospel with the strength, endurance and fortitude to do His will. Will you rely upon Him? We are weak, yet He is strong. We have limitations. He is infinite.