



Igniting the Flame



The Stewardship Calling *Effective Church Model*

“For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required.”

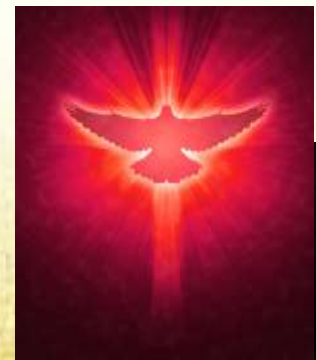
Luke 12:48

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Part 4

The Stewardship Calling Effective Church Model



Stewardship Calling Effective Church Model

Institutional



Effective
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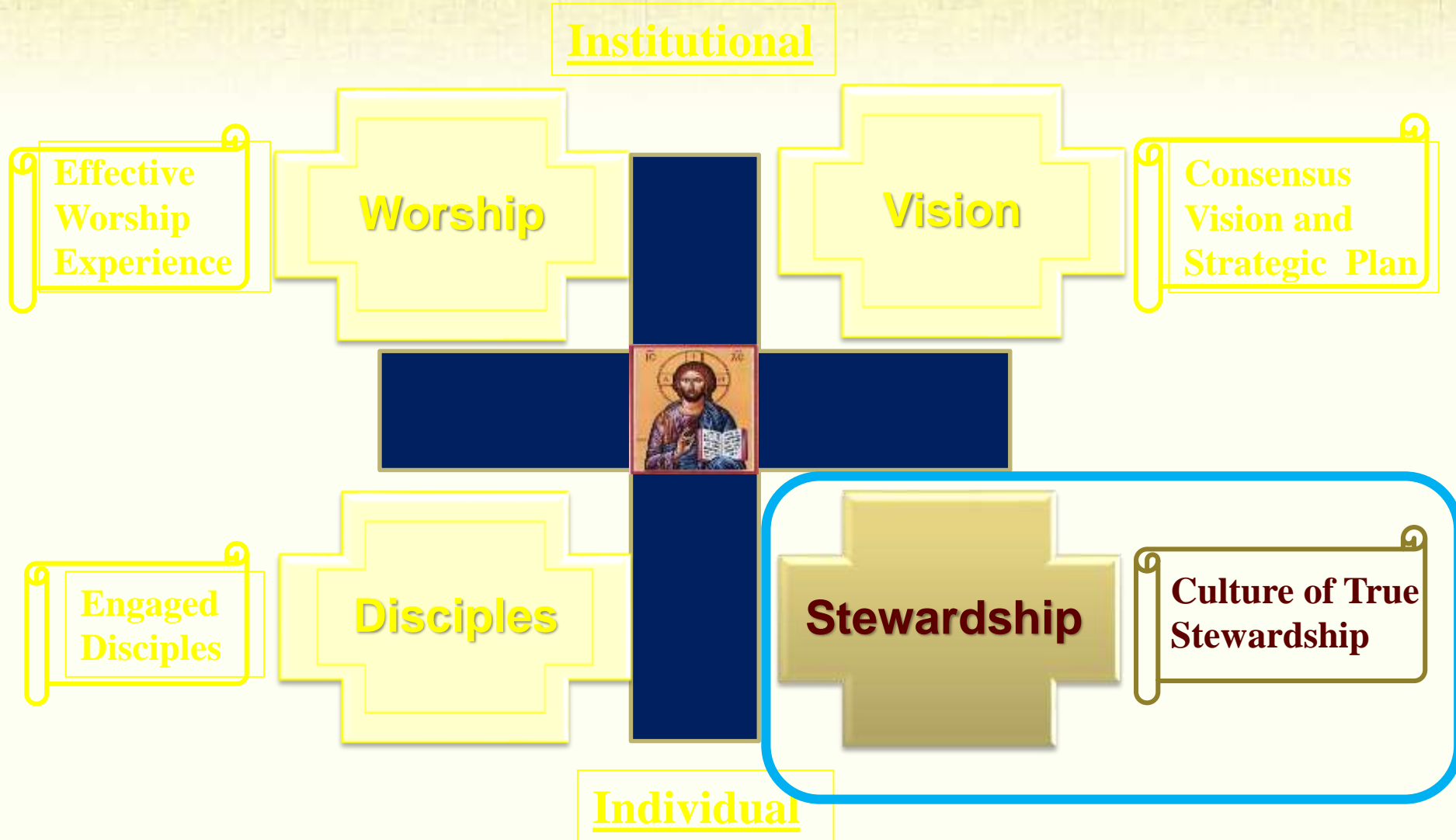
Consensus
Vision and
Strategic Plan

Engaged
Disciples

Culture of True
Stewardship

Individual

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15 Culture of True Stewardship Practices



- 1. Stewardship & Generosity**
- 2. Leadership Alignment**
- 3. Tithing**
- 4. Time First**
- 5. It's personal**
- 6. Engagement**
- 7. Welcoming**

- 8. Thanking**
- 9. Youth**
- 10. Messaging**
- 11. Campaigns**
- 12. Estate Giving**
- 13. Transparency & Accountability**
- 14. Small Groups**
- 15. Team**



13 of 15 Culture of True Stewardship Practices



13. Transparency and accountability

**Complete transparency and
accountability is essential
to having a successful
Stewardship program**



Transparency & Accountability



1. Transparency & Accountability increases generosity:

“[A] significant increase in the public transparency, accountability, and institutionalized credibility of the many religious and charitable causes and organizations to which American Christians might consider giving money would have the real effect over time of considerably increasing the amount of money they give.”

Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money (New York: Oxford UP, 2008) (p 143)



Transparency & Accountability



2. Parishioners want more Transparency & Accountability:

“We asked the question in a number of different ways, and each time the answer came out the same. Parishioners want more say in how their parishes are run.... In parish financial matters they expect accountability and transparency.”



Transparency & Accountability



3. Transparency & Accountability is Biblical:

“In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.”

Titus 2:7–8

(To honor Holy Scripture and avoid temptation, Reverend Billy Graham strove to be transparent in everything – going so far as to purchase advertising space in local newspapers to publish financial audits of his evangelistic tours)



Transparency & Accountability



4. Transparency & Accountability reduces opportunities for financial irregularities and:

**“Sunlight is said to be the best of
disinfectants; electric light the most
efficient policeman.”**

Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis



Transparency & Accountability



5. In today's American society where Transparency & Accountability have become absolute expectations, the absence of Transparency & Accountability raises presumptions of improprieties



Transparency & Accountability



- 6. Conversations in churches about Transparency & Accountability allow for a discussion of money in a productive way that can set the stage for a financial stewardship conversation**



Transparency & Accountability



- ~ A Parish should regularly and repeatedly provide its financial and stewardship information to all of its stewards
- ~ The results of the annual audits of your Parish financial records should also be shared
- ~ Consider the transparency of placing your financial and stewardship statements on your website



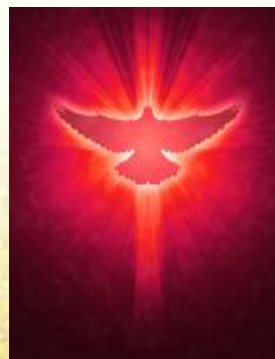
Transparency & Accountability



- ~ All Parish Council members (and others involved in stewardship and financial matters should annually go through financial “best practices” training
- ~ For example, the Metropolis of Atlanta “Good Financial Practices” presentation available here:
<https://atlmeteropolis.org/2017-presidents-meeting>

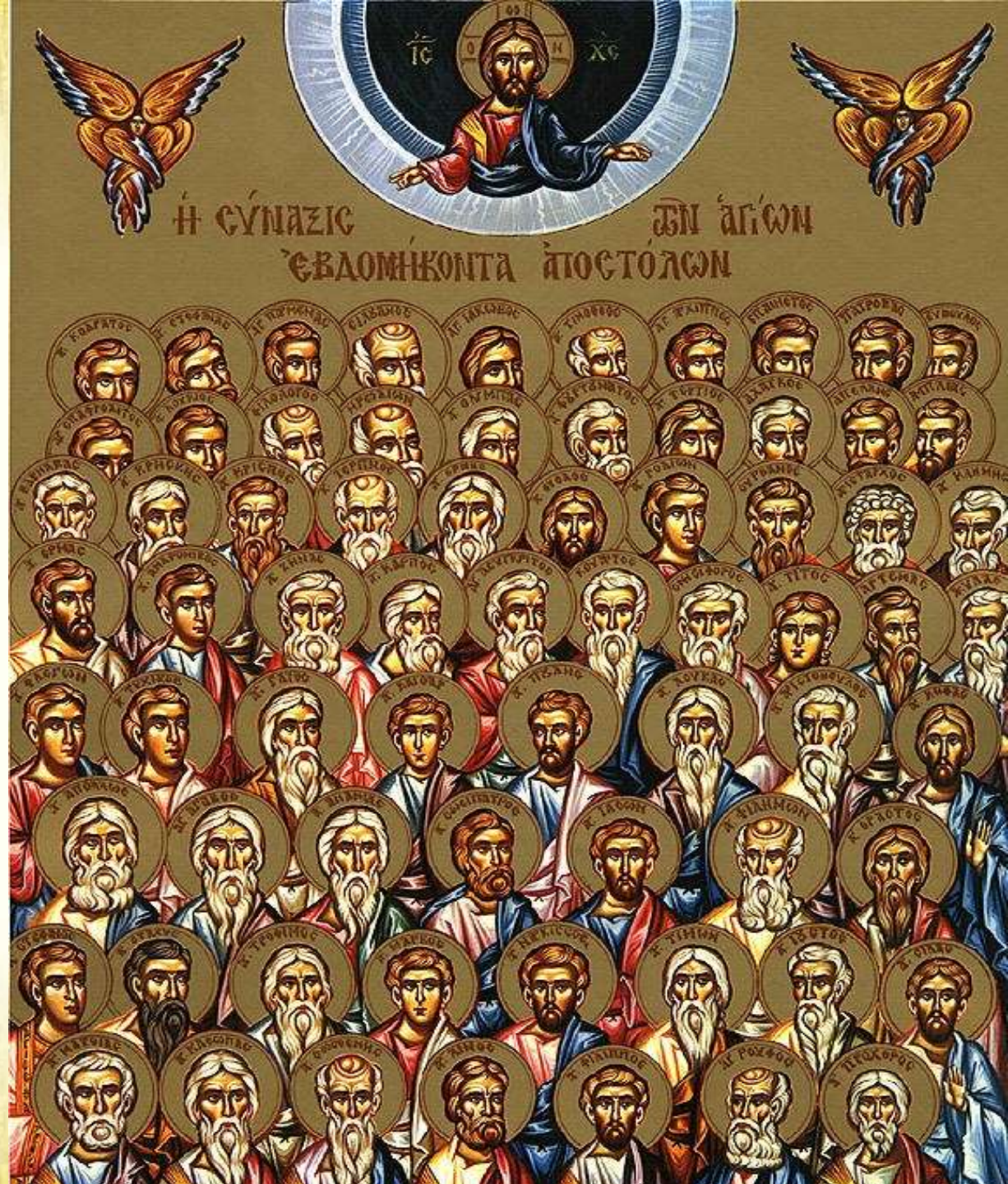
Effective Parish “To Do” Item

Consistently communicate all stewardship, financial and other Parish information with integrity, accountability and transparency.



***You have
now been
called as
one of
the 70
Disciples***

Luke 10:1





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