



## Premature Articulation

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**Y**ou know...premature anything is not a good thing. Ever had scrambled eggs that were prematurely served before they were really done? Ugggh... Premature firing of your automobile engine causes that loud - Bang!

Leadership can easily experience something very similar, and whenever it does a loud - BANG...is experienced in the hearts of those we lead.

Certainly one of the key ingredients of any true leader is their commitment to hearing things in the Spirit, that contradict, add to, or change the things they have known in the past. I.e. a commitment to Discovery...

However, a little recognized principle of leadership needs a little more press time. It has to do with waiting on God's timing to express what is being seen and learned. It is one thing to be led by the Spirit into new understandings of old doctrines, but it is another to be ready to accurately express what has been learned to a waiting flock of sheep.

Leaders must guard against prematurely articulating what they believe they've heard in God, and wait until it has had time to work deeply into their own spirits, and be certain they themselves are fully walking in that truth. To fail this waiting period is to get ahead of the Spirit's timing for the revelation, and this will almost always lead to an aborted birthing of that truth. Frustration will meet the revelation, because the articulation isn't coming from the Spirit, but rather from the soul of the leader.

Soul oriented revelation, even if it originated in the Spirit, will not bring forth the desired reception and fruit. The flock will choke, sputter, resist, and often end up rejecting it, just because the time of waiting and seasoning was cut short.

Time must given for a settling, a walking out, a full personal commitment with fruits evident and signs following. Otherwise the leader will, without realizing it, manifest the hypocrisy of preaching one thing but living another. There is no quicker prescription for failed revelation than this.

This principle is especially true with an older and wiser body of believers. Having been around the block a few times, and hearing a great many so called "revelations," and then discovering they were little more than a new spin on something old, or worse yet, just the opinion of a leader who longed for an image of one who brings fresh and new revelation, with a desire to gain respect and a following, or worse yet, financial remuneration, leaves them unwilling to buy whatever they're served unless their spirit's confirm that what is being shared is indeed from the Spirit and not just an over eager leader. Older believers are much more difficult to convince of new truths. They have an inbred wariness to such things. They will require an even longer period of seasoning, and smaller pieces of revelation, spread out over several gatherings. To too quickly dump a load of new truth

on them will cause them to back off and resist.

These are hard things for leaders, because when they “know” they’ve seen something in Christ, that will benefit the body, it is very difficult to sit on it, allow it to season, and walk it out for a long period of time before sharing it with the gathering, but the wait will have been worth it.

In many cases the leader who allows for this time of seasoning, will discover small errors in his understanding, and will have done the body and himself a great service by sifting these out before feeding them to the flock. Better to serve whole bread, than bread with chaff mixed within.

Study, pray, listen, and receive, and then WAIT WAIT WAIT before articulating what you’ve heard in God. You will be glad you did...