



FROM MY HEART TO YOURS
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Speed Modeling

In your ministry or work, do you have problems you need to solve?

Who is the best person to give you advice? It is the leader who oversees a similar ministry or organization that is more advanced than yours. Almost certainly, that leader will have faced the same problems and will be able to give you good advice on what works and what does not. For example, if you are starting a church that is a year old, you would look for a leader who started a church that is 3-5 years old and doing well.

Bobb Biehl, the President and Founder of Master Planning Group International, originated the concept of 'speed modeling'.

1. Find the right leader who ahead of you in your field.
2. Write down the questions that will help you solve your top 3-5 problems .
3. Pray that the leader will meet with you.
4. Call that leader on the phone, introduce yourself and ask for an appointment.
5. When you meet, ask that leader to tell you the story of their ministry.
6. You may want to share the story of your organization.
7. Ask your questions and be sure to write down the answers you receive.
8. Later, ask God to help you discern what you can apply to your organization.
9. When God has given you the 'go ahead', apply what works.

The Lord can use 'speed modeling' to help you take a huge leap forward!

For more than ten years, I have practiced 'speed modeling' and it has really accelerated our mission at Dynamic Church Planting International. Just recently, I experienced a magnificent 'speed modeling' meeting. I called for an appointment with Paul Eschleman, the founder of 'The Jesus Film' ministry. He was the top leader of 'The Jesus Film' ministry for 24 years. The film has been translated into 1015 languages. It has been shown in 229 nations. Over 230 million people have indicated decisions to receive Christ after viewing the film. I believed that Paul Eschleman would have great wisdom to share with me about how to lead and fund an international mission. I was right! I found him to be warm and engaging. He was happy to respond to my questions. As a result, I learned a great deal about reporting from leaders in the field and funding opportunities for our mission. He gave me much to think and pray about that will strengthen DCPI.

'Speed modeling' took place in the meeting that God orchestrated in Acts Chapter 10. The Centurion Cornelius was directed by God to bring the Apostle Peter from Joppa so that he and his household could learn more about Jesus. The Apostle Peter shared the wonderful news of our Savior and Lord and then the Holy Spirit came upon them all and they were baptized. Cornelius and his household took a huge leap forward in becoming disciples of Christ.

So, I encourage you to make 'speed modeling' one of your leadership skills and to practice this often. You too will take huge leaps forward in your work.

Until the whole world knows Him!

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