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The important thing is to identify the "future that has already happened" (#30)

We live now, but have to read the future. What is that? Lets talk about this in the light of Lay Pastors ministry; now but future or future and now.

If people are talking about caring's problems in their church, or lack of caring individually, it signs that they need Lay Pastors Ministry which means LPM is already here, in their church. No? Not yet? Yes it means we need to prepare in advance because other churches are doing already, and other countries are doing this ministry. Future is not here yet, but its signs, phenomenons, clues are here.

It means we have to read that "future" is very near to us already. That means we have to read future wisely. So we have to prepare the sooner the better. If we look at the future physically, it's already late. We have to take future in our hand, and have to draw future to our place, in the other meaning.

As much as we prepare for the future, it will come to us shortly than others which mean we cope with it nicely than others, so it will be cut down our worries to be happened. If we don't get it in advance, we are already late. Because it comes in the one morning without knowing it consciously.

To read future in advance is also we, leaders' job and responsibility. Future is not over there, it is here already, the matter is that we could identify it or not.

Lets say one illustration: once I got to know Melvin's book from Professor Elsner of ACTS in Soul, she suggested me the book and said "Korea churches will need this book and this ministry in the near future." It meant we live now but I felt her prediction is not very far from now, even it's here because I felt it in emergency!

Actually Korean churches are waiting for something to be happen, they wanted to get out from the status quo (present situation, current situation), which means they wait 'future,' in other ways they have seen the future that has already happened.

ACTION POINT: How do you see the Lay Pastors Ministry? Is it here? in the corner of your church? even though never seen it physically? Coming to you soon without knowing it, so prepare for now to accept it. If we are waiting for that until every one in church, in the group known physically, its already late. Better to get it now.

Note)

I had read the book, The Daily Drucker. Peter Drucker was a.k.a. the "Father of Management." He wrote more than 30 books, so his colleague Professor Joseph A. Maciariello (Claremont, California) made of ONE volume, the comprehensive book, called 'The Daily Drucker' which was selected precious insights from those books. So I read thoroughly this book for a couple of times, then picked up some useful clues that might be possible to apply to our ministry, so prepared this journal, titled Lay Pastors Ministry INSIGHTS

Peter Drucker was an ordinary christian, but he was effected to the many Maga churches in the State. There was the man, named Bob Buford, he was also ordinary christian but he became famous through what he wrote the book, Halftime. Bob read Drucker's books and listened his lecturing directly, so Bob suggested to Drucker that "lets help American churches with your ideas, and philosophies of management and opinion about churches. It will be helpful." So they agreed each other, then gathered about 40 pastors of Mega churches, including Rick Warren, Bill Hybels, so on. Mainly Mega churches' pastors. They already knew Peter Drucker, so easy to gather ...for two nights and three days, they listened to Drucker's teaching for churches at one hotel in Texas. More in details on it are in the Buford's another book, *Drucker & Me.* You can read it.