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Make it simple!

I have heard for a couple of times that "Rev. Byeong always thinks too easily." This is true, and of course, it may have been so since my birth, but it is also true that it has changed that way later.

Now I think about it, and I tend to be deliberately simplistic. I think that's what happened once I started LPM ministry more than 20 years ago. And I think it's even more so in the process of establishing a university and now managing the University. Make it simple! This became my slogan all the way.

Why is it necessary to keep it simple? I've seen an article that "simplifying complex things is also an ability." Some people make more complicated some matters which are actually trivial and simple. So those things get harder, waste energy on unnecessary things, and in the end miss that really matters.

Why do people fall into the trap of complexity! Do you think it's sign of important being complicated? Is that problem really complicated? Is there a loophole in leadership? When leaders cannot simplify complex problems, people might be guessed as a lack of leadership. In thin case, those who trust and followers tend to become more complicated and finally fall into more in difficulties.

If so what does it mean to keep it simple? And why is it necessary to be simple? To sum up, a few things;

1. Accept the other person's opinion as much as possible. People seem to be reluctant to come near if the leader is too stubborn. There are a couple of things that should not be ever changable. In the other cases, there is no big problem if it changes. In this time, there is no need to say no to opinions such as to do it tomorrow, to change the font sizes, or to change the image, etc. Accepting them is more wise.

2. It is to avoid a quarrel. When many people gather, they may disagree. I think it is wise to avoid those disputes because a leader does not have to be involved in such disputes. It is definitely necessary to share many opinions, but I often find it useless beyond that.

3. It is to make things wise. This is seen as a skill of leadership that processes as quickly and smoothly as possible. You'll have to keep the process or the knot of work neat.

4. There should be a break shortly in the conversation. It often and used to makes us ask the same question and answer the same thing. I think three times is good for exchanging opinions. Question-Answer-Acceptance. Period! Some people try to drag it up to seven times. This is of no use.

Then why should we do this? The answer is simple. It is to do the entrusted work as easily as possible and within the deadline. It means that we don't waste energy on unnecessary things, rather than doing anything just because it's easy.

Many things waste our energy and weaken our concentration. If we follow all this, the smile of failure will only wait for us.