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### Is it teachable?

There is a saying that when selecting a leader, or even a small group leader, it should be in accordance with [F.A.T]. F-faithful; A-available; T-teachable; that is, is he faithful? Is he has time? And is he teachable? This seems a bit of an ideal, but it seems like a necessary checklist in selecting a leader.

Being faithful is the case where they work faithfully in their job, and gain trust from people around and from their boss. There is also a Bible saying that whatever you do, do as you do to the Lord. Socially speaking, it is the case of doing more than the amount of salary. Some salaried people do less, some do as much as they get it, and some do more than that, and moreover, they are people who work steadily and hard. As a result of studying successful people, there were many third cases. It means that they are sincere in small things, so they are given the big job. Of course, there are three cases among employees in our Melvin University as well. Some staff members is just waiting for time to go home, some are drinking coffees continually during working hours, and some are wandering to the other's offices here and there, etc. It must be a common phenomenon everywhere.

The second checklist is "Is he available; time for the job?" Some people are like saying, "Let's just take it." He has no intention of not working hard. But he can't do it because he doesn't have time. However, there is an example in which an important task is taken care of, and I know the work that takes only a week is possible, but still not job done even after a year. Terrible! Isn't he supposed to postpone it? If he really doesn't have time, we can understand. Even so, there is a problem with not being able to make time at all. This is a fatal disqualification in team ministry. Anyway, I'm talking here about someone who doesn't have time at all. It is difficult to make a team leader who is always absent at meetings, that is, check "Is he available?"

The third checklist, "Is he teachable?" which means that I can paraphrase "can be corrected? Or 'can be change style? Sometimes there are people who are too stubborn naturally. Once there was a 'leadership course' in the training curriculum at Melvin University, which is a top-level course that absolutely requires important leadership and character.

It is a process of granting a certificate and it can be used over the next few decades. So our university decided to select two students from among those who completed the training, but three applied and eventually have decided to make a final decision through a personal interview.

One of them was smart. However, his decisive weakness was too strong egocentric, so he was judged ineligible as a leader that our university wanted, thus he was not selected. He wanted to be selected tremendously. He has even said "I want to do it" for dozens of times. But in the end, the university committee decided. The case of failure to the checklist, "Is he teachable?" Will it be taught?"

As you can see, three checklists are important. Maybe the first question, "Is he faithful?" contains both of the other things, but I'd like to highlight the question, "Is he supposed to be taught?" Also, we might ask ourselves, "are we qualified in these three things?"