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**So the revelation I received is not lost on those disinterested in the label**

## **Ministry of Helps - (Practical Ministries)**

### **CATERING & HOSPITALITY**

*“These notes have been produced from within the boundaries of my experience & revelation. I have gained this understanding predominantly thru my Serving in Catering & Hospitality at Southside. I have discovered many principles, in catering, that would be difficult to see in other departments.*

*I asked the Lord to use me in an area that I couldn't do, because (I thought):*

*I didn't need to be a Christian to do what I could do, and I wanted to see God's Supernatural involvement.”*

*Kevin Cramp – Southside Christian Centre July 1999*

**The Lord is lifting up Churches to be an example, like Israel was to the Nations.**

I believe **Southside** is such a Church. A Church that is being used to impact, provoke and excite the Body of Christ into action, lifting and setting standards, changing the image of the Church. I have been aware of His hand upon this area of service.

**“The Bride is about to put her bridal gown on “.**

A bride is not a bride until she is wearing her wedding clothes.

Not until she looks like a bride.

There is something about the attractiveness of a bride. All eyes are drawn towards her. Any flaws in character or past wrong doings are forgotten in the radiance of her beauty. Such is the hour for we the Church, the Lord's Bride. We are about to be adorned.

He is doing a new thing, we cannot afford to be set in our ways.

We must be open and teachable, **leaning on Him and being led by Him.**

The practical Ministries are integral in making the **Bride look attractive.**

They are the helping, feeding, working, loving hands in the natural which will display His ways and love, attracting the lost & needy to Him.

**Catering & Hospitality is a unique area of service.**

- It is a **tool for evangelism.**
- It is a focal point to **build relationships** and therefore **unity.**
- It **breaks down barriers.**
- It **displays His Nature** in excellence, provision, liberality, generosity, and service, encouraging and lifting up, spoiling and making people feel special.
- It is a great **training ground in servanthood.**
- It is **fun!**
- Food & drink is a cornerstone of our natural existence. **We work to eat.**  
It is appreciated. **Your presentation of it will impact.**

## Final Note.

“I learnt much from taking on both the Catering & Hospitality areas of service.

You always see yourself as a Servant. Sometimes this is easy to forget when, say, as a Pastor or Leader, you meet with a couple to deal with an issue.

The greatest lesson I learnt, was that God the Father needs to be included and consulted and have freedom of input into all of your responsibility area. Let's not forget who ultimately has given you the task. Doing it God's way always brings success and His presence (annointing). He doesn't give you a responsibility without the enablement, unless you want to do it your way or do it like you did last time. So many times we (the Team) sat in silence and awe after finishing a function because the 'air' was thick with the presence of God. Our service meets a need but it is not what we do but who we are, or should I say, becoming, as this life is 'the school of life', and is about our Growth (whatever our service).

When Ps Danny invited the SA State presbytery to have their Christmas meeting and Lunch at Southside, I immediately heard the Word 'Impact'. This was about mid-year, but there were several functions of >300 people that I needed to plan for before this. I prayed and prayed for a vision and ideas regarding the Christmas function for months, knowing it needed to impact, bless and lift up the Pastors who were to attend, and I didn't receive a thing. Now October and I was stressing. On the last day of a week holiday in Sydney, I heard clearly. '**Don't you need me** for the other functions?'

Our Heavenly Dad and Senior partner is not an atm that you go to when you are in need. He is the Source. Do not seek the provision, seek the Provider.

The rest is history. A great scripture to get His revelation is **1Chron 14** where God is named 'the Lord of the breakthrough' by David....get a hold of this.

A key to getting hold of what Jesus has provided for you and the Kingdom has laid up for you is this, you need to **Ask for it.....and believe** that it is yours and be **patient** and wait thankfully in **gratitude**.

You could say that the shield of Faith is made of patient confidence in your relationship with God.

The enemy works through believing what the enemy says (ignorance of what God says will rob you).

God works through your belief (faith) in His Word **and permission** (prayer and requests).

Why? For a start He is not going to force anything on you and everything He wants to give you is Good.

Why are we here in the first place. Heaven is missing a third of the Angels who were created to Worship Him. You and I are created in the hope that we will **Choose to worship Him**.

But the permission is also in regard to Authority.

A CEO has many Dept Heads and in each of the departments there are Managers and then the Members of their Team. The CEO cannot chastise or even interfere with the work of a Team member, even though he is the ultimate Head. To do this would be to come against his own authority which he has given to the Dept Head and in turn to the Manager and then to the Team member. The only way that the CEO has input is if the person down the tree asks for his advice (or he calls in the Dept Head and passes it down). There is no responsibility without authority. Do not assume that God is going to handle things without being asked. In fact, never assume.”

Kevin Cramp

*See you at the Wedding*