

A close-up photograph of a brick wall. The bricks are reddish-brown and arranged in a traditional pattern. The mortar is a light grey color. The text "Mission Outside the Church Walls" is overlaid in a large, white, sans-serif font, centered on the image.

Mission Outside the Church Walls

Principles & Practicalities

Lead from Who You Are

This misplaced emphasis on the spiritual gift of leadership has damaged the hearts and minds of many who fill positions of leadership. It has skewed their understating of their role and contribution, and the distorting effects have been felt widely among those they lead.

(Don Cousins)

Lead from Who You Are

**Pray as if Everything
Depends on it**

SERENDIPITOUS

- a seeming gift for finding something good accidentally
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All Real Progress
Is “in Christ”

He is the one we proclaim,
admonishing and teaching
everyone with all wisdom,
so that we may present
everyone fully mature in
Christ. (Colossians 1:18)

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**Carry Your
(Leadership) Cross**

- When a church doesn't want to fulfill the Great Commission.
- When it is more a social club than a spiritually vital community.
- When tradition takes precedence over the Word and Spirit.

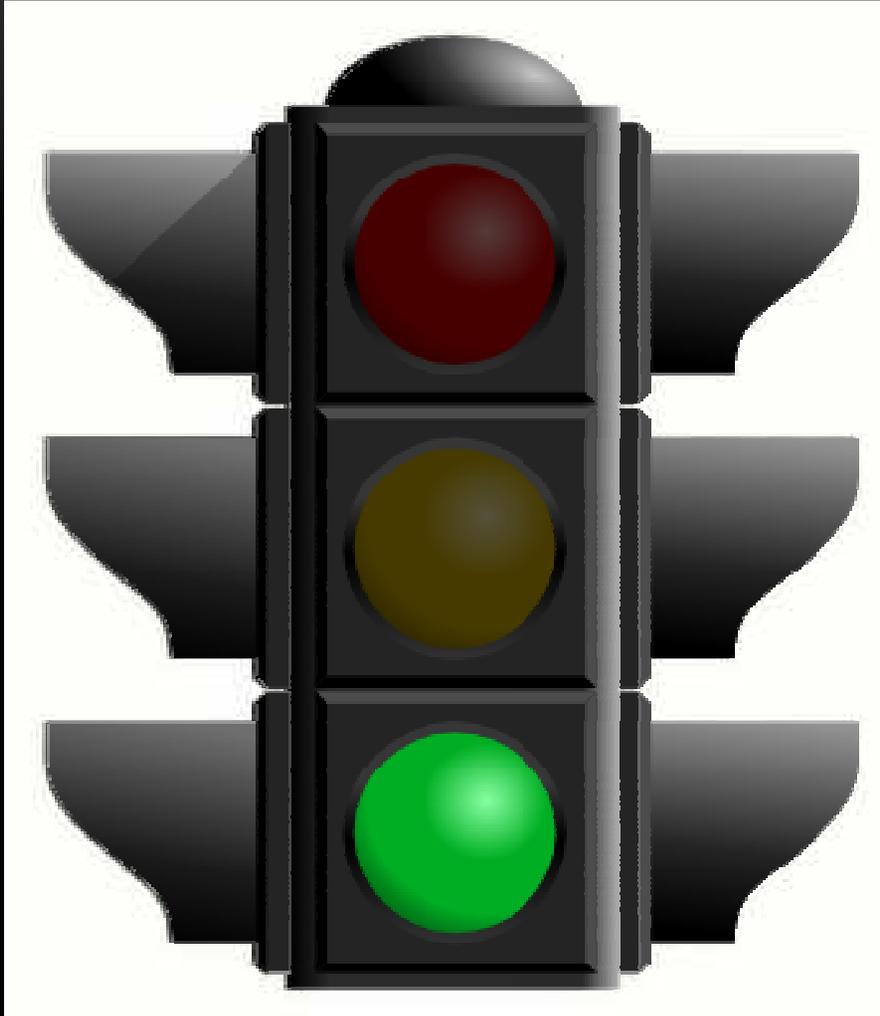
- When it would rather cover up the darkness rather than expose and confess it.
 - When it wants to maintain spiritual appearances rather than have authenticity.
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Small Groups

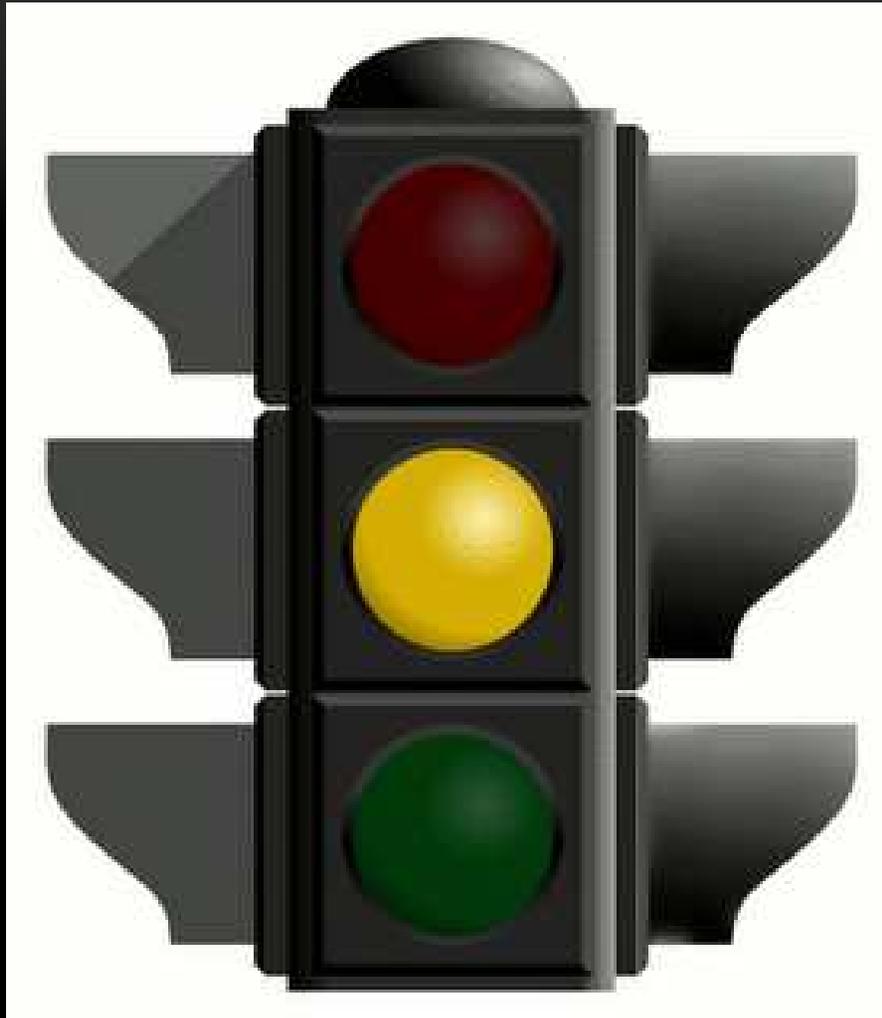
- Do you need to get in touch with your leadership gifts and style?
- Do you need to cultivate a life of prayer?
- Do you need to adjust your overall goal for yourself or your church?
- Is there an area in your leadership where you are choosing not to carry the cross of Christ?

Practical Steps

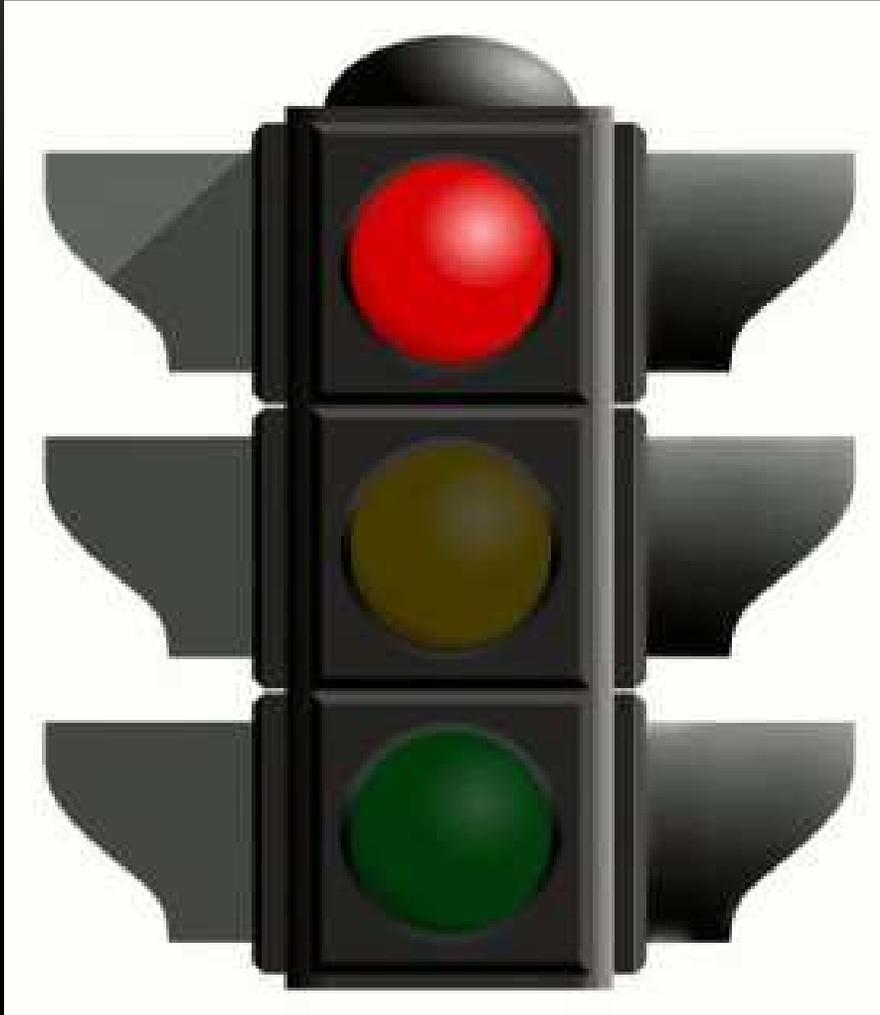
Assessing the Situation



Ready to
respond to
a well-cast
vision.

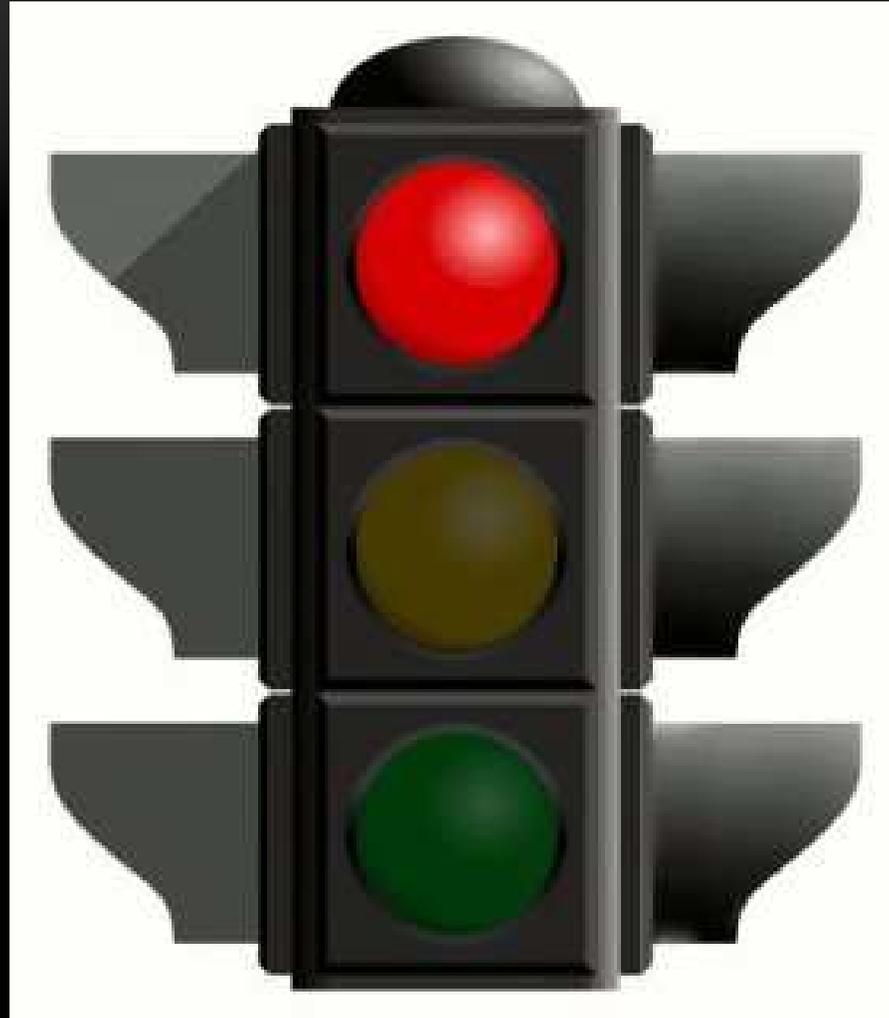


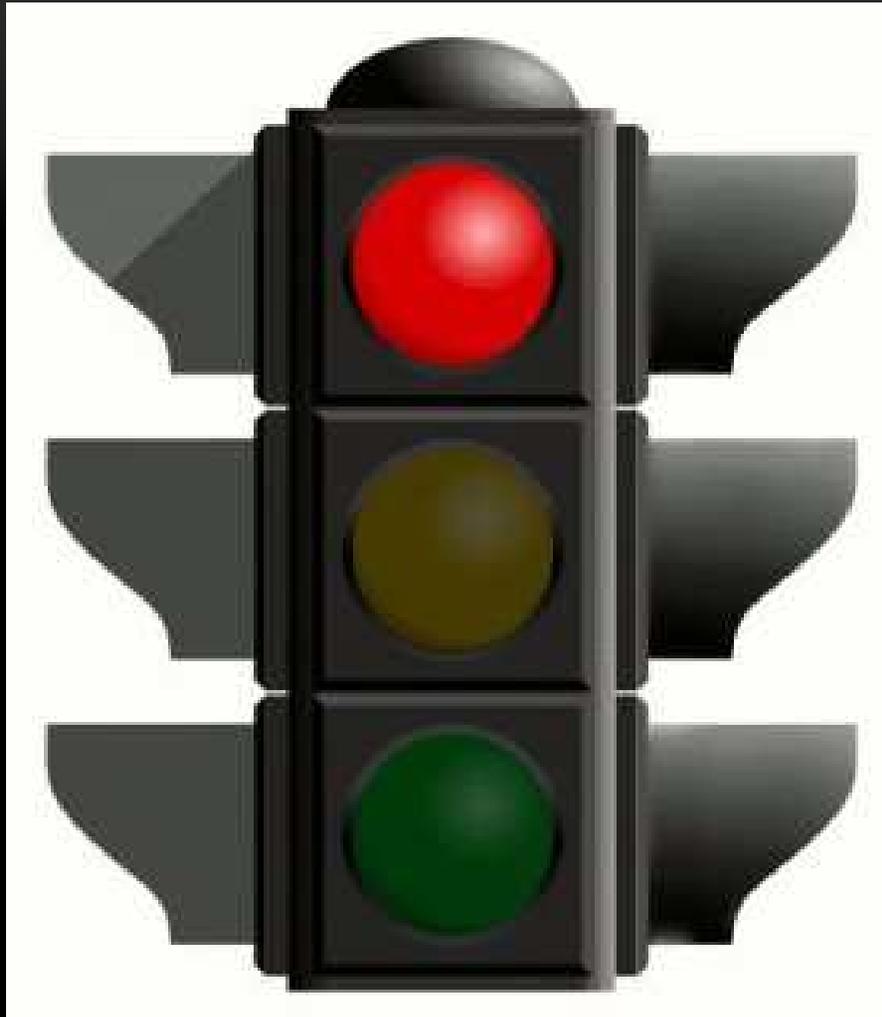
There are
individuals and
groups who
have the vision.



Very few
have a vision
for Christ's
mission.



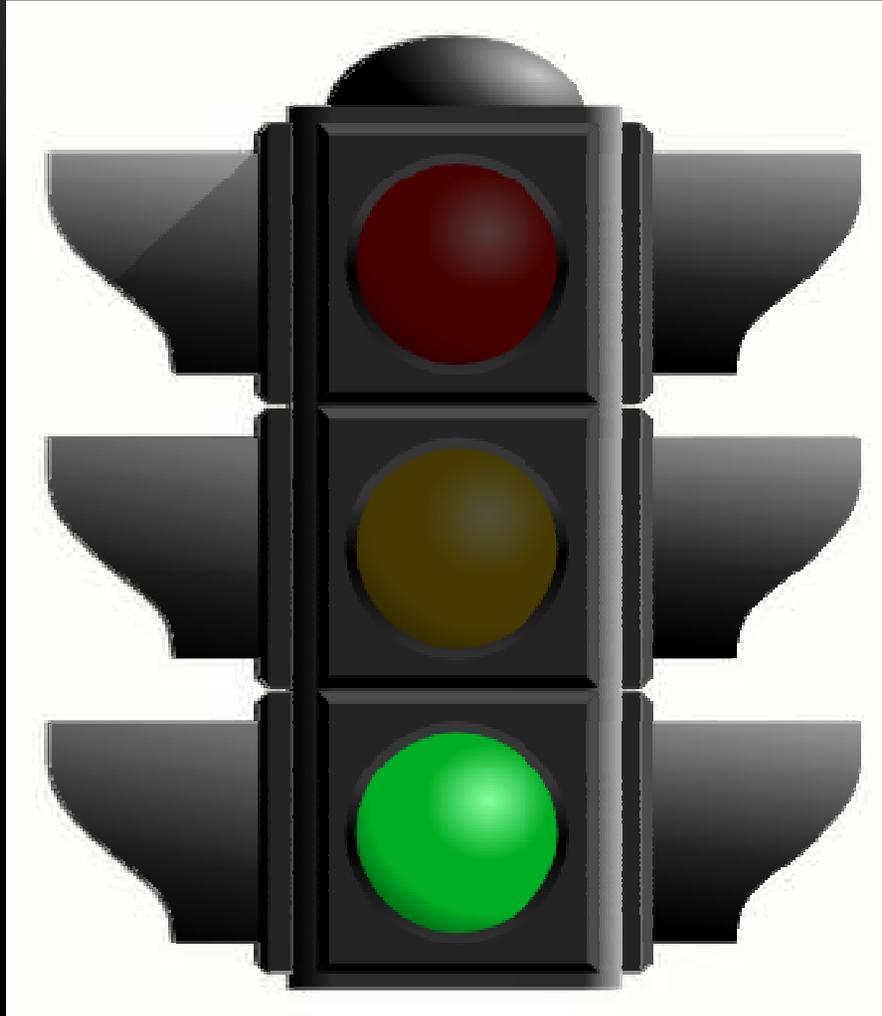




Taking Your First Steps



Nurturing the Vision



Going
for it

Lay the groundwork

- Gather information
- Make initial contacts

Be Prepared to Champion
Your Idea

Determine the Steps Involved

Find Strategic Partners

Share Your Vision Appropriately,
Repeatedly, and Creatively

Handle Objections Respectfully and Fairly



- Where is your church at (red, yellow, green light)?
- Who can you build into to see a missional project come to fruition?

FOLLOW THROUGH
