



For an Executive Committee to be healthy, it must consist of members who are not only strong individuals but are also committed to working together for a common purpose.

Does our EXCO consist of committed individuals? What does "committed" means? There are 2 main ideas: (1) with my mind I have information about the person or cause to which I am committed, and (2) with my will I choose to respond affirmatively to those ideas, to become involved with that person or with that cause.

There are several questions that a leader must ask in evaluating his commitment. "Let a man examine himself." (1 Cor 11:28)

1. Am I committed to the Lord Jesus? Where does each EXCO member stand in relation to Christ?

There is little point in trying to implement the remaining suggestions unless members of the EXCO are clear as to where each stands in commitment to Jesus Christ.

2. Am I committed to Scripture?

The Bible is the foundation of revealed truth upon which we build our lives as individuals and as a group.

3. Am I committed to the basic beliefs of the CF?

Basic beliefs refer to the fundamental Christian truths upheld by the CF as found in its statement of beliefs.

4. Am I committed to the purpose of the CF?

Remember that the most important purpose of the CF is to witness to the Lord Jesus and that includes evangelism, discipleship and mission.

5. Are we committed to each other?

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love for one another." (John 13:35). Take time to get to know one another so that trust, acceptance, affirmation, vulnerability can take place. Spend time playing together as well as sharing, studying, planning and working. Such commitment is essential for healthy functioning as an EXCO. What we're aiming for is unity. We must be unified as leaders.

(It is also important that the EXCO maintain unity between themselves and the members.)

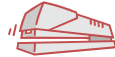
6. It is important that EXCO members commit enough time to the CF leadership. This can be costly and should not be entered into lightly. God is not calling every CF member to serve in the EXCO but those He calls He will sustain in terms of their time expenditure. If you do not have time to serve as an EXCO member it would be wise for you not to accept a position on the EXCO.

For Reflection:

Are you convinced that God has chosen you to serve on the EXCO? It is not enough to think that you have been selected or that you have chosen to be in the EXCO. Worse still if you're in the EXCO because there's no one else. Deep in your soul must be the conviction (assurance) that you are on the EXCO because God chose you to be on it. If lack this conviction and assurance you should share this with the EXCO or talking to the advisers.

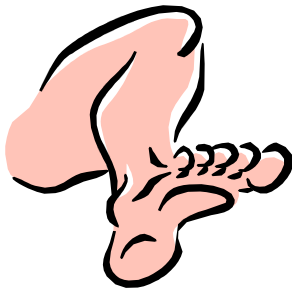


Checkpoint:



Make sure you think about and agree with the above or else step out of leadership position. A unified small EXCO of a few committed members will do better than a large EXCO split by disunity.

Remember the wonderful promise that Christ's Spirit will lead you as He, through you, leads the group. (I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. - Ps 32:8)



Prayer and the EXCO

If CF moves forward, it "moves forward on its knees." Let prayer have an important place with your EXCO, in your private prayer life and in EXCO meetings. Lay a solid foundation of prayer beneath your EXCO. Listen to God. Leisurely talk to Him and let Him put into your minds the ideas He wants you to be thinking. Make prayer a cord that binds all else you do as an EXCO. It then will set the stage for Spirit-directed planning and decision-making.

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