



TECH NOTE series

*Audio Ministry:*

# Be Prepared

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Words are powerful! Faith comes by hearing "words", and it's our job to make sure that every word is heard. The audio operator's ministry is just as critical to the outcome of the service as the pastor's. If the people in the congregation can not hear the words clearly then the minister may as well just quit speaking , because faith can't come when the "Word" isn't heard! Therefore, the audio operator must be prepared to overcome every obstacle victoriously!

### Let The WORD Be Heard!

Satan would like to stop that delivery before it ever gets to the ears of the people. He knows that when believers grab a hold of a revelation truth that was preached or taught under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, and act upon it, they'll walk all over his ugly head. That's why audio operators must take their ministry very seriously! It's of the utmost importance that the audio operator be an "unseen" minister. Our Anointing lies in helping the *visible* ministers deliver all that God has for the people without any distractions (i.e. feedback; mic cues; batteries failing; stupid stuff that's simple to avoid – but could cost the flow of the service if gone unchecked). That's what I call "guarding the Anointing". Therefore, we must prepare long before we arrive at church. In fact, it's a good idea to prepare for the Sunday service(s) on Saturday - much like the pastor must. There are natural and spiritual areas to be prepared in. Yes, spiritual! When you combine natural and spiritual preparation you are locking out any opportunity for failure!

### Get Ahead Of The Game

Some ways to be prepared are:

- 1) Walk in love with those around you. Faith works by love and it takes faith on your part for the sound to be excellent in your church. Don't expect the pastor to have to believe for the sound to be excellent – that's why he's got good people like you doing *the work of ministry*. (Eph 4:12) Stay out of strife! Avoid it like the plague that it is!
- 2 ) Read the Bible. It *is* God speaking to you! It will build up your spirit-man and help keep your mind on the reality of why you serve as an audio operator.
- 3 ) Pray in other tongues! The Holy Spirit will bring things to your remembrance and even give you solutions to problems you encounter. This will also build up your spirit and help keep you walking in love. (Jude 20-21)
- 4 ) Prepare yourself naturally. The pastor has to do natural things to prepare himself. How much more the audio operator!
- 5 ) Make sure you are stocked with consumables such as blank tapes and batteries. Sunday morning is not the time to be running around trying to locate these items.
- 6 ) Check microphones and have them in place. Don't overlook the obvious.
- 7 ) Have the platform set up and ready long before the praise team arrives. You should never have people waiting on you in order to get on with the business of conducting a sound check or rehearsal. This sounds like a tall order, but a little bit of planning ahead will go a long way. Avoid

putting off tasks until the last minute. Emergency tasks have a way of showing up without you planning them *into* your already full schedule.

8 ) Always have something to write on nearby. Write yourself reminders as things occur. This will help you to create a 'To Do' list of things that need attention before the next scheduled service.

9 ) Keep your *work area* neat and orderly (i.e. sound booth and stage). This will help you to find things quickly and easily. It will also give you a better outlook on the service you provide. The musicians that you work with will appreciate their/your area looking neat and it can eliminate potential tripping hazards. Purchase some 3" wide "Gaffer's" tape at a local tape supply house. This stuff will take you from clutter to clean! Some preparedness must be done on your own time either after services or prior to rehearsal times. If you sow your own time into your church, you can believe God for a return on that *seed* in the form of time to spend with your family, etc.

10 ) If you know of any special needs or requests that the Pastor has, by all means, do all that you can do to make them happen! Delegate tasks if you have to. No *one* person can do it all!

#### The Anointing Destroys the Yoke

The less stress on you on Sunday morning, stronger the Anointing will be on *you* during the service, and consequently on the *ministers* as well. It *is* the Anointing that destroys the yoke! (Isa. 10:27b) Use the Anointing God has placed on you to guard the Anointing on the *ministers*. Be prepared! Do everything you know to do and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in the things you don't *know* to do. People who attend the services are coming to be loosed of the yokes that have them bound. God's people are counting on you so that they can hear the "Word".

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