

Developing an Awesome TLT Program

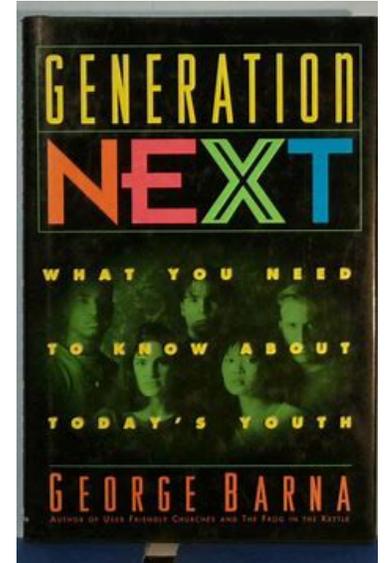
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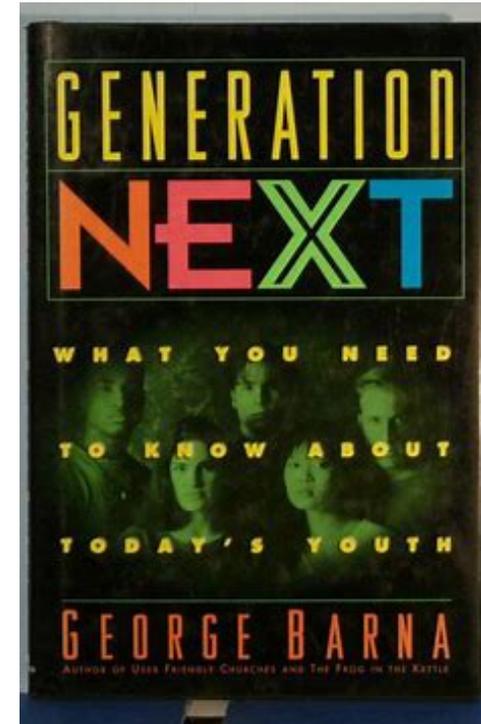
“after studying patterns of faith for years, our research leads to a similar prognosis: if children are not reached with the gospel by age 13, the chances of their accepting the gospel after that point are greatly reduced.” – pg. 30.



“In fact, if we stretch the age frame to 8 through 13 years of age, that six-year stretch of time defines when roughly half of all Americans made their decisions to become true Christians. In other words, by the time students enter high school, the odds of accepting Christ as Savior are radically reduced.” -- Pg. 79

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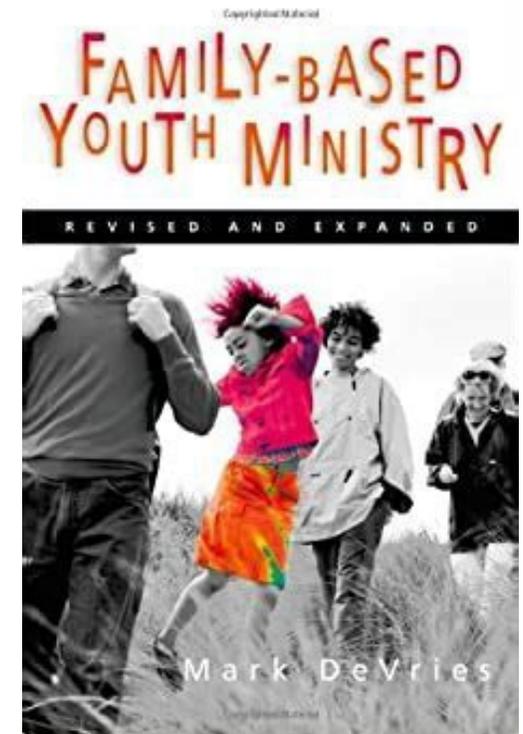
“If a person is ever going to become a Christian, the chances are great that he or she will do so before reaching the age of 18. About three-quarters of all people who have consciously, intentionally, and personally chosen to embrace Jesus Christ as their Savior did so before their 18th birthday.” – pg. 77



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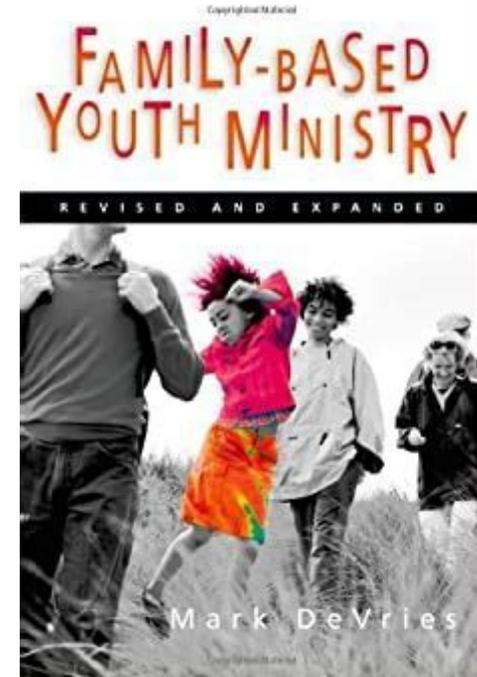
“Most young people who disaffiliate with the church do so by the time they have become sixteen years old. Research confirms that those youth who drop out of the church do so not when they go for college, as is often assumed, but while they are still in high school.” – pg. 24

The crisis is that we are not leading teenagers to mature Christian Adulthood.” – pg. 26



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“When young people grow up to be reactive Christians adults, they are constantly waiting for someone or something to attract them, to involve them, to impress them, A reactive Christian puts the responsibility for his spiritual life on someone else.” – pg. 27



← Spiritual

Reactive Approach
The Seesaw or Fast Track Approach

A weakness - the Fast Track Approach

The accession of members who have not been renewed in heart and reformed in life is a source of weakness to the church.

This fact is often ignored. Some ministers and churches are so desirous of securing an increase of numbers that they do not bear faithful testimony against unchristian habits and practices.



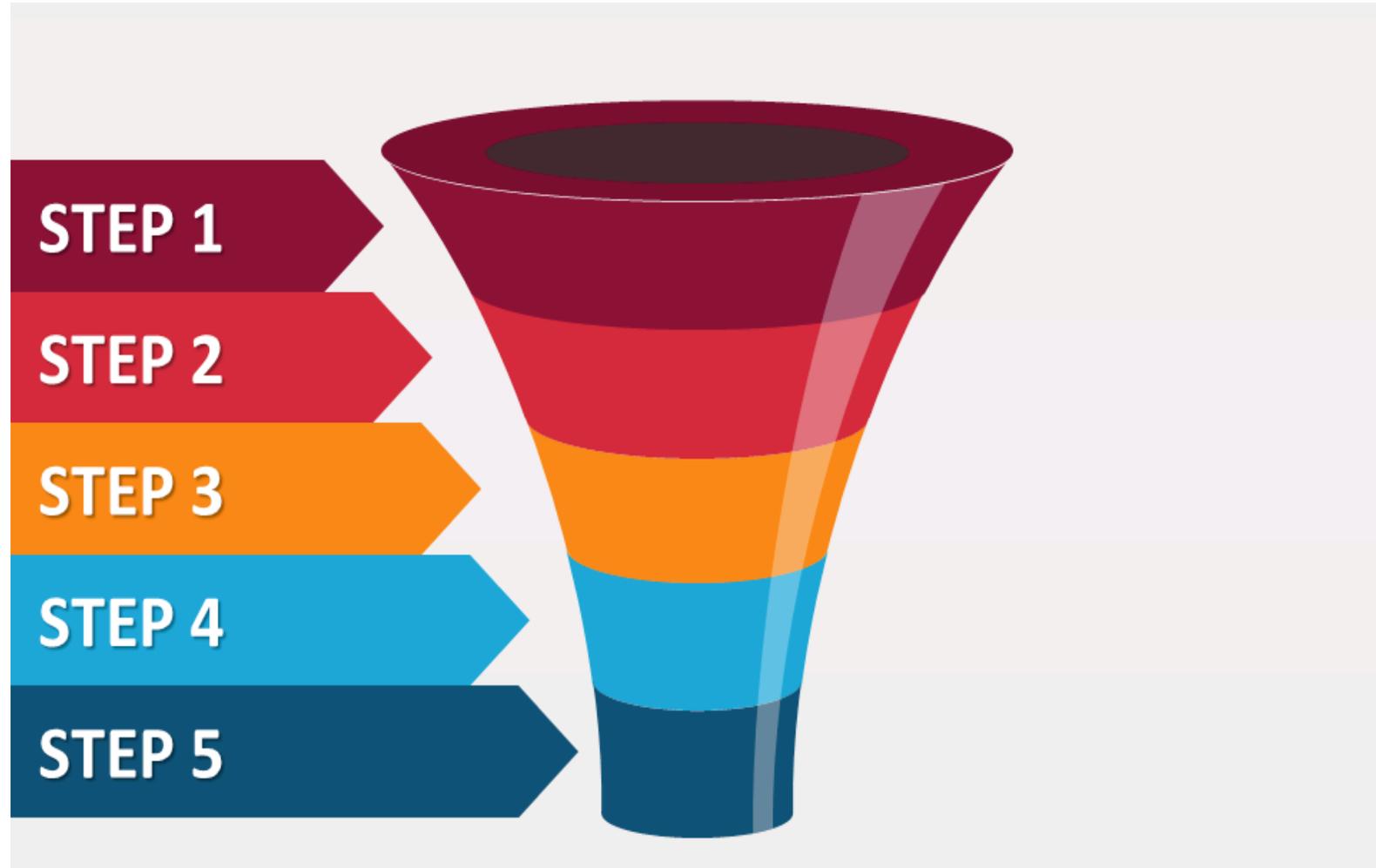


A weakness - the Fast Track Approach

Those who accept the truth are not taught that they cannot safely be worldlings in conduct while they are Christians in name.
{Ev 319.3}



The Discipleship Funnel Approach



The Funnel of Disciple-ship

Come Level – they come for the fun, girls, friends

Grow level - they tolerate spiritual things as they have fun

Disciple Level – take the initiative for their spiritual growth

Develop Level - willing to help other people grow

Multiplier Level – become leaders to help others come

The word "DISCIPLE" is written in a highly decorative, stylized font. Each letter is composed of intricate, overlapping lines and patterns, giving it a textured, almost calligraphic appearance. The letters are white and stand out against a dark, textured background.

The Non-Neutral Environment Approach



Pros and Cons of NNE's

- Pros
- You don't know the results
- Youth like to mix things up
- Youth are energized
- You can inspire others

- Cons
- You can go too far.





"Young people come alive when there's a change from what is predictable. In fact, you don't create NNE's for young people, they will create non-neutral environments for you."

predictable

Breakout Time

Explain why the discipleship and NNE approaches are important for TLT ministry.



God Positioning System (GPS) Your role as a leader

Eph. 4:11-16

11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,

Introduction to the Essentials



God Positioning System (GPS)

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Eph. 4:11-16

¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Introduction to the Essentials



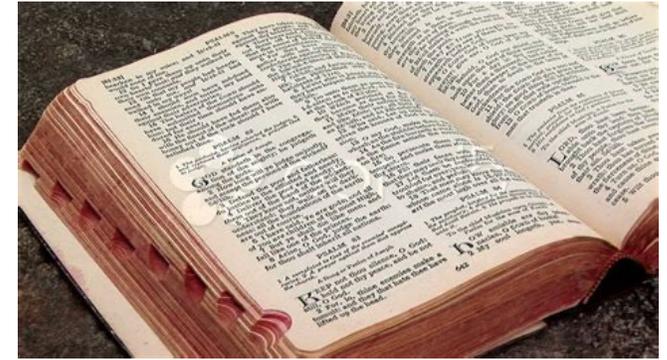
TLT Essential I – Help our TLT's find their Gifts

Youthful talent, well organized and well trained, is needed in our churches. The youth will do something with their overflowing energies. Unless these energies are directed into right channels, they will be used by the youth in a way that will hurt their own spirituality, and prove an injury to those with whom they associate.-- Gospel Workers, p. 211. {ChS 30.4}

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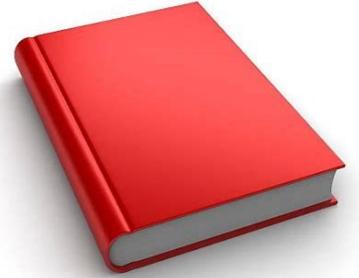
God's Plan in a Diversity of Gifts.--In all the Lord's arrangements, there is nothing more beautiful than His plan of giving to men and women a diversity of gifts. The church is His garden, adorned with a variety of trees, plants, and flowers. He does not expect the hyssop to assume the proportions of the cedar, nor the olive to reach the height of the stately palm. Many have received but a limited religious and intellectual training, but God has a work for this class to do if they will labor in humility, trusting in Him. --Letter 122, 1902. {Ev. 98.3}

TLT Essential II – TLT's are to → Go



Matthew 28:18-20 ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV)

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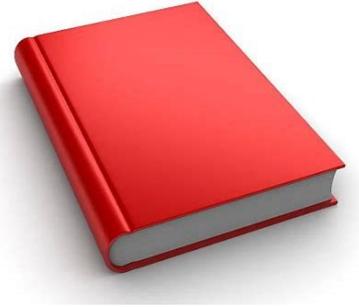


We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. We want our children to believe the truth. We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in well-organized plans for helping other youth.

Let all be so trained that they may rightly represent the truth, giving reason of the hope that is within them, and honoring God in any branch of the work where they are qualified to labor – EGW (GC Bulletin, ?Vol. 5, no. 2, pg. 24 [Jan. 29, 30, 1893])

TLT Essential III

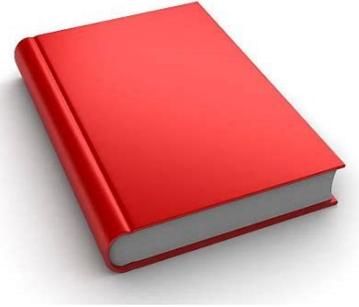
TLT's Need Mentors and Discipleship



The youth need more than a casual notice, more than an occasional word of encouragement. They need painstaking, prayerful, careful labor. He only whose heart is filled with love and sympathy will be able to reach those youth who are apparently careless and indifferent. Not all can be helped in the same way. God deals with each according to his temperament and character, and we must co-operate with Him.

TLT Essential III

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Often those whom we pass by with indifference, because we judge them from outward appearance, have in them the best material for workers, and will repay all the efforts bestowed on them. There must be more study given to the problem of how to deal with the youth, more earnest prayer for wisdom that is needed in dealing with minds. --EGW (Gospel Workers, p. 208, paragraph 1)

Break Out

Why are 3 TLT
Essentials important?

- 1- Helping them find their gifts
- 2- Teaching them to → Go
- 3- Find superb mentors and people who understand discipleship



The Yearly Programs for TLT's



- 1) September & March Training – for certification
- 2) I Tell – learning new areas for Mission & Service
- 3) I Serve – Helping during the Adventurer Family Weekend
- 4) I Splash – Fun event for those who serve
(Hershey Park of Neito-ville)

I-Tell

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Speaker
Ps. Javier Mendez

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I-Serve

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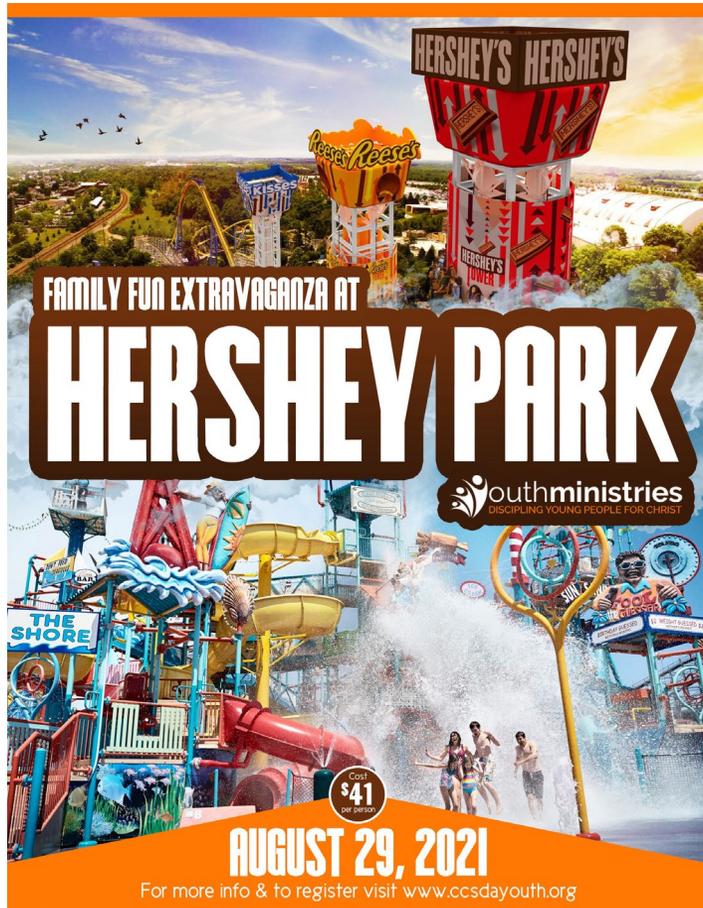
ADVENTURER FAMILY WEEKEND
JUNE 3 - 5, 2022 | MT. AETNA RETREAT CENTER, HAGERSTOWN, MD

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TIME	FRIDAY, JUNE 3	SABBATH, JUNE 4	SUNDAY, JUNE 5	
7:00 - 7:45 AM	Welcome to ADVENTURER FAMILY WEEKEND	Good Morning!	Good Morning!	
8:00 - 9:00 AM	<p>Children of the World</p>	Breakfast (served until 8:50 AM)		
9:15 - 10:45 AM		Sabbath School Rotation <i>Teach 20 minutes! Full Dress</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ ICARE - Thru Service Upper Lodge <i>Wives: Shanon, Sheronda, Sherene, Colleen, Theresa, and Stephanie</i> ▶ ILOVE - Thru Puppetry Cedar Building <i>Shane & Billy Ennis</i> ▶ IPRaise - Thru Music Lower Lodge <i>Deborah Schramm & Family</i> 	Activities Archery, Crafts, Parachute, Sidewalk Chalk, String-ball, Water Blasters, Wagon Rides, Horseshoes, Corn-hole Toss, Ground Darts, Volleyball, Basketball, Street Hockey, Pool (TBD), Canoes (TBD), Frisbee Square Locations will be posted
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM		Worship 2 HVA Gym Pastor Tim Lee Full Dress Uniforms	Activities Archery, Crafts, Parachute, Sidewalk Chalk, String-ball, Water Blasters, Wagon Rides, Horseshoes, Corn-hole Toss, Ground Darts, Volleyball, Basketball, Street Hockey, Pool (TBD), Canoes (TBD), Frisbee Square Locations will be posted	
12:30 - 2:00 PM	Guest Speaker Pastor Tim Lee Worship Team Bonnizu Sharon & Family	Lunch (served until 1:30 PM)	GOD BLESS! Have a Safe Trip Home. 	
2:30 - 3:30 PM	Registration & Check-in White Pine Lodge After 4:30 PM	Session 1: Stars, Chips, Awards, Activities Baby Birds & Little Lambs Native American Friends Florida Star Venus, Sam, Sabine Dorestal Upper Nature Center Curious Cubs & Eager Beavers Snow Chesapeake Conference Award Ann Reynolds & Sandy Thomas Lower Nature Center Adventurer Country Fun MAD Award Geneva Brown Walnut Building Adventurer Signing Art Florida Award Sheridan Wells Cedar Building Adventurer My Skeleton Chesapeake Conference Award Tim & Joy Lee Lower Lodge Adventurer God's Oceans Florida Award Ellen Samalio Upper Lodge Crystal Falls Firehouse Bus, Lower Parking Lot Carl Rodriguez		
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Archery & Crafts Archery Range / Upper Lodge <i>(Begins at 4:30 pm)</i>	Session 2: Stars, Chips, Awards, Activities Curious Cubs & Eager Beavers Snow Chesapeake Conference Award Ann Reynolds & Sandy Thomas Lower Nature Center Adventurer Country Fun MAD Award Geneva Brown Walnut Building Adventurer Signing Art Florida Award Sheridan Wells Cedar Building Adventurer My Skeleton Chesapeake Conference Award Tim & Joy Lee Lower Lodge Adventurer God's Oceans Florida Award Ellen Samalio Upper Lodge Helping Hands Pathfinder Honor: Flag MAD Honor Shana & Billy Ennis Crystal Falls Firehouse Bus, Lower Parking Lot Carl Rodriguez		
5:30 - 7:00 PM	Worship 1 HVA Gym Pastor Tim Lee	Supper (served until 6:30 PM)	GOD BLESS! Have a Safe Trip Home. 	
7:30 - 8:30 PM	Director's Meeting Lodge	Worship 3 HVA Gym Pastor Tim Lee		
8:40 - 9:30 PM		Game Night HVA Gym		
11:00 PM		Quiet Time		

ADVENTURER FAMILY WEEKEND - 2022

I-Splash



I-Train



Field Work Requirements

1. Create a Portfolio that contains the handouts and your personal notes from the seminars and messages you attend.

or sig. _____

Attend the following Worship messages in September:

Leadership

Date ___/___/___ Event/Loc. _____ Instructor sig. _____

Winning Young People to Christ

Date ___/___/___ Event/Loc. _____ Instructor sig. _____

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The Whole Group Discussion Time

Why are the 4 - I's Important
In a TLT Program

- 1) I-Tell
- 2) I-Serve
- 3) I-Splash
- 4) I-Train



Summary

- 1- We looked at 3 approaches to TLT Ministry
- 2- We looked at the 3 Essentials for TLT Ministry
- 3- We looked at the 4 – I's for TLT Ministry

Now Go make your TLT Ministry Awesome!

