Are you a Thermometer or a Thermostat?

♦ Do you come to leaders meeting, speak to others and don’t have any contact with them until the next meeting?

♦ How many times have called to check on other leaders to see how they are doing?

♦ Do your group members interact with each other outside of the meetings?

♦ How many of your group members call to check on you?

♦ Do you return calls or answer e-mails within 24 hours concerning community group business?

My question to you is - are you a thermostat or a thermometer when it comes to the things of God and this ministry?

Thermometer is an instrument for measuring temperature depending on where you are or what you are measuring will change. The temperature changes as the environment changes.

✔ Are you going to be unstable in the things of God and this ministry?
✔ Thermometers have an ability to lead only in so much as hindsight is 20/20
✔ Thermometers can’t plan or adapt to changes
✔ Thermometers like to criticize once a direction is chosen
✔ Thermometers are always first to notice when something is wrong, but can’t take the necessary steps to fix it
✔ Thermometers are great at telling you what you already know
✔ Thermometers hold people back through negativity and second-guessing
Are you a Thermometer or a Thermostat?

Thermostat is a device that functions to establish and maintain a desired temperature. It is stable and does not move unless someone resets it.

✓ Are you going to be stable in the things of God and this ministry?
✓ Thermostats take the temperature of the room first and then put a plan in place to adapt;
✓ Thermostats exhibit self-control and stability;
✓ Thermostats are masters at adapting;
✓ They’re the leaders and the visionaries, and the people you rely on to stay calm in a crisis and lead you to the next level;
✓ Thermostats are able to work past criticism and negativity and push forward even when the odds are against them;
✓ Thermostats do what needs to be done

How Can I Become a Thermostat?

There are five steps you can consider/take to becoming a thermostat: purpose, vision, trust, reliable/responsible, and action.

1. Purpose - Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 1:5 (New International Version) "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

✓ God created us all with a purpose in mind
✓ It is not a mistake you are here in this ministry
Are you a Thermometer or a Thermostat?

2. **Vision** - Habakkuk 2:2 Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

- What is your vision for your group?
- What is your vision for this ministry?
- What are you saying about your group?
- Have you written down how you envision your group would look when successful and running like you wanted it?
- Have you come up with a confession to say over your group?

3. **Trust** - Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Hebrews 11:1 (New Living Translation) Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

- Pray that God send you the right people and keep out those that are not suppose to be there;
- Don’t limit God by the things you say and do concerning your group;
- Take special care of those that God has entrusted you with

4. **Reliable/Responsible** - Matthew 25:23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Zechariah 4:10 Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin, (New International Version).
Are you a Thermometer or a Thermostat?

✓ Be willing to administer to one person just as you would to a group of people;
✓ Can your group members rely on you being their for them?
✓ Can your directors depend on you being there for them?
✓ Can the ministry depend on you to respond to requests in a timely manner?

5. Action – James 2:20, "...that faith without works is dead."

✓ Faith causes you to work
✓ Anything worth having in life will rarely come easy
✓ Must be ready to step out on faith

I want to take this time to applaud you for all your hard work and dedication; for getting your stats in on time, coming to the meetings, faithful in holding your meetings, for supporting other leaders, for getting back with your directors in a timely manner and all the things you do to make this ministry successful.

In closing, my question again to you: Are you a thermometer which is up and down based on the environment or a thermostat which regulates the environment? Will you be a regulator or go up and down?