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Leading From A Position of Action

"But be doers of
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own selves."

James 1:22 (KJV)

By Bishop David Luckey, Jr.

In 2020 the world experienced a hardship that was the first in this generation. A strain of a virus, named COVID-19, was the cause of a global pandemic. COVID-19, a respiratory infection, caused not only a threat to our physical body, but because of its contagious nature we had to essentially quarantine ourselves from one another. This isolation produced challenges to our economy as well as affected and impacted our emotional, social and spiritual well-being.

I realized however, the constraints that came with COVID-19 did not stop mankind from the natural

APPLICATION IN ACTION



desire to fellowship. The pandemic expressed a true realization of the hunger and thirst for fellowship with one another. Although there were many that were extremely cautious and remained isolated from unnecessary contact with others, more people than not craved the contact and welcomed fellowship, even if it meant taking some minimal risk of health.

This deep craving shouldn't be much of a surprise to Christians since the bible teaches us in the book of Acts that the root of growth in the first church family was fellowship. (Acts 2:47)



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Testimony Corner:

"RELA brings new insight and a fresh perspective to what it means to lead in today's world. It opens up our eyes and our hearts to the needs of the people, while allowing gifts and talents to be cultivated."

--- Minister
Landai Barnes,
Bread of Life
Kingdom
Fellowship

Restaurant owners understood the strength of fellowship, notwithstanding to keeping their businesses alive. However, not all restaurants survived the pandemic. The restaurant owners that survived, or even thrived, weren't the ones with the best food. It was the ones that were creative. Created outdoor environments, modified their menus, offered touchless menus like QR codes, etc. The ability to survive during adversity wasn't the result of leaders having dreams and visions. It was the result of leaders having the ability to have tactical and strategic vision and rapid application. If restaurant owners were to survive, they had to quickly and efficiently apply to action the vision that was in them to survive.

In John 21, Jesus is having dinner with Simon Peter and asks him 3 times if he loves Him. Jesus goes on to say that if Simon Peter loves him to apply that love to an action. "Feed my sheep". Another clear example in scripture is James 1:22. "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

The scriptures teach us to not just say in deed, but to apply what we say into action. It was actions from the ultimate leader in Jesus that separated Him

from the other Jewish leaders. Of course His speaking of the Kingdom was evident; however, it was the supernatural actions of Jesus that drew attention to Him and compelled others to follow as well as made him a target to his enemies.

Great leadership requires action. A study led by Delores Albarracin, posted on PubMed Central, showed behavior implications of people who operated with action goals versus those that were inactive. The key finding of the study showed that individuals with action-oriented goals (i.e. predisposed to "doing something") show strong behavior responses than those oriented toward inaction. The study concluded that individuals with action oriented goals lead to greater attention, intentionality and follow-through.

In the book, Talent is Not Enough authored by John Maxwell, it is noted that 'Procrastination is the fertilizer that makes difficulties grow'. Individuals that proclaim but no action, have start but no finish, initial commencement but no follow thru, are not characteristics of a great leader. Great leadership requires action to application. As leaders, God have gifted us with ideas and visions.



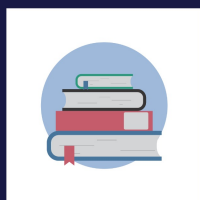
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Resource Reading For The Month



Talent Is NEVER Enough

--- By John C.
Maxwell

Further, as leaders, most of us possess the gift of influence to recruit others and acquire buy-in to support our endeavors. In fact, as critical as it is to convey the vision to others it is most critical to get the work done. Not just have a call for action but perform the action. As I mentioned earlier, the successful restaurant owners during the COVID-19 pandemic were the ones who applied action.

Great ministries, businesses, and churches, to say the least, are led by leaders that apply action. Keep in mind that the word GREAT does not necessitate quantity but effectiveness.

Effectiveness is a direct result of an action being taken. As leaders it is dire that we lead by taking action. As a business owner and Sr. Pastor for over 23 years, I've learned the only way to galvanize and grow is to not be afraid to put one foot in front of the other. The worst that can happen is you fall. God will help you up and you try again. Take action today and watch your vision take flight! □

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R.E.L.A. Leadership Retreat:

June 11 - 13, 2026



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Upcoming Events & News

- **RELA Leadership Prayer Call**
Join us for intercessory prayer
focused on strengthening today's
leaders.

Monday November 17, 2025 | 6:30
PM (EST)

www.zoom.com

Dial In: 646-558-8656

Access Code: 864-583-4230

Password: 1845

- **RELA Workshop:**
"Mission Meets the Marketplace"
Saturday, January 24, 2026 | 9:00
AM-12:00 PM

Without Walls Church

1845 Highway 130

North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Host: Bishop David Luckey, Jr.

- **Leadership Roundtable Discussion**
(Visionary Members Only)

Monday, December 8, 2025 | 6:30
PM EST

Online via Zoom. Registration
Required.

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