

Christian Leadership Challenges from the Life and Ministry of Bill Wilson

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Abstract

Bill Wilson is the leader and Senior Pastor of Metro Ministries in Brooklyn, New York, a church ministry initially focused on reaching children under the age of thirteen through sidewalk and indoor Sunday Schools. Established by Wilson in 1979, the ministry continues to grow and thrive, not only ministering through the Sunday Schools, but also as a fully functional church. While the story of Wilson is well-known to some, it is unknown to many; however, it is the contention of this article that out of the life and ministry of Wilson many critical Christian leadership challenges are to be drawn. Based on a study of his writings, together with a brief personal meeting, this article begins by introducing Wilson and Metro Ministries, continuing to address five challenges deemed relevant and significant for Christian leadership. These challenges being 'remember where you come from,' 'long-term commitment that is greater than emotions,' 'genuine sacrifice,' 'wisdom that is more important than knowledge,' and 'the priority of love and compassion.' The discussion of the challenges intertwines the life and ministry of Wilson with the challenges themselves.