

## HOW TO GET ALMOST ANYBODY TO DO ALMOST ANYTHING

### 15 MOTIVATIONAL BUTTONS

*to get almost anybody to do almost anything*

- Challenges
- Rewards
- Bribes
- Gaining special privileges
- Limits of privileges
- Gentle nagging
- Share honest exuberance about your own Bible reading  
*"I found a neat verse this morning" - no sermon included*
- Gentle private approbation
- Wild public approbation !!
- ExpandP horizons & *appeal to maturity*
- Positive reinforcement
- Focus on effort *rather than outcome, baby steps count*
- Genuine thanks
- A Royal "Pat on the Back" or "I dub thee 'Sir Made-a-New-Habit'"  
or "I dub thee 'Knight of Diligence'"  
*Thankfulness, Random Act of Kindness, Master Encourager, blah, blah, blah*
- Share how you have struggled *in developing the same habit*
- Agree to accountability, yourself *in some area of personal growth*

The trick is to find out which button will stimulate which student.  
I had college-aged identical twin guys who responded in dramatically different ways when prodded to undertake a new responsibility.

- \* Allen needed positive coaxing
- \* David responded better to a challenge

Consider: maturity, ministry experience, personality, mood, fear of failure, hesitancy, self-confidence, teachability, and personal schedule commitments. Which need you to hold their hands? Which need you to step out of the way so they can make all their mistakes first and learn by their mistakes?