Lloyd John Ogilvie

Biography

The consistent focus of the ministry of Lloyd John Ogilvie has been on the care, encouragement, and support of business, political, and community leaders. Beginning his ministry in Winnetka, Illinois, working with the business leaders of Chicago, he developed a deep appreciation for the impact of leaders on society and their need to receive sensitive pastoral care to live out their faith in the pressures, stresses, and immense challenges of their work. During this time, Dr. Ogilvie developed a small group strategy to help men and women leaders and their families find mutual support and networking to face the problems and grasp the opportunities of their calling to serve in their personal relationships, at work, and in the community. This emphasis has continued in his ministry to leaders and their families in the steel industry when he served as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Following this, he served for twenty-three years as Pastor of the historical First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood where he sought to enable leaders in the entertainment community, as well as business and community leaders in the greater Los Angeles Basin. In addition to his responsibilities as Pastor of the Hollywood Church, Dr. Ogilvie had a nationally syndicated radio and television ministry called Let God Love You.

Dr. Ogilvie was recognized in 1996 by Baylor University in a worldwide survey as one of the twelve most effective preachers in the English-speaking world. Included in the list, in which seven denominations are represented, are Rev. Billy Graham and Dr. John Stott.

In 1995, he was elected the 61st Chaplain of the United States Senate. In addition to opening the Senate each day in prayer, his duties as full-time Chaplain included counseling and spiritual care for the Senators, their families and their staffs, and meeting with Senators about spiritual and moral issues. He assisted Senator’s staff with research on theological and biblical questions, spoke to five Senate Bible Study and Prayer groups, encouraged the weekly Senate Prayer Breakfast, and shared in small discussion and reflection groups.

Working as President of Leadership Unlimited, Dr. Ogilvie has been consistently on-call as a speaker, writer, and resource consultant. He is a motivational speaker at business and professional conferences, leads clergy conferences, Preaching with Passion, and is a frequent preacher and speaker at churches, retreats, and meetings. With over 50 books in print, he has made a huge contribution toward the uplifting messages that the Church today so vitally needs.

Lloyd is married to Doris Kaiser Ogilvie. He has three children: Heather, Scott, and Andrew, and four grandchildren: Erin, Airley, Bonnie, and Scotter.

Dr. Ogilvie has had significant impact by enabling present and emerging leaders to press on with wisdom, vision, charisma, and courage. He believes that the great need of our time is for spiritually empowered, morally rooted, ethically focused men and women to be raised up to lead with integrity, intentionality, imagination, and impelling inspiration. He is excited about his new work with the Institute of Preaching that bears his name at Fuller Theological Seminary and joins with the Seminary’s mission “to equip men and women for the manifold ministries of Christ and his Church.”
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