



What Charles and Corey taught me

Charles was a recent participant in a class I taught. My students were pastors seeking a better grasp on their role as leaders who must address money issues. With Charles came his seeing-eye dog Corey. I will long remember Corey because he yelped his own amens at the end of my prayers.

Charley was gracious and patient with me as I lapsed into pointing or letting gestures replace the precision of my words. He would quietly ask me to restate the point in a way he could understand.

My days with Charley showed me how I can improve my public presentations:

1. I can combine visuals with precise speech. This means speaking visually. The entire audience benefits from this enhanced communication.

2. *Design For Ministry* can commit to a base 14 point font (premiering in this issue), and we can make more material available in braille (a braille version of *A Stewardship Manifest* is now available in the downloadable section of our website).

3. I can more quickly respond to the insight of those who experience the world through altered senses. I become more effective as a minister of the grace of God when I do so.

The good news is it was easy to make this commitment because I was loved toward doing so. I was never reprimanded. Besides, Charley gave me a little stuffed animal that resembles Corey, the seeing eye dog. It sits on my desk and reminds me to improve.

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