

## **A MASTER OF CEREMONIES – THE EMCEE**

### **I. DEFINITIONS**

**1. Master** One who has control, direction or authority over someone or something.

**2. Master of Ceremonies** One who has charge of or presides over a place, institution, ceremony, function, etc. Someone considered as having a power to control or influence. Comment: Never let fear be your master.

**3. An EMCEE** is responsible for orchestrating the performance of individuals, events, and functions leading to a specified goal or result. He is never the performer and should control with limited personal visibility. The best illustration would be a symphony conductor who says little, never blows a horn or plays a harp and yet with his baton brings harmony to the musical production.

An EMCEE needs to control his mouth (limit what he says). You are there to see that the show goes on, but you are not the show. Respect the audience's time. You don't own them, but you are a servant for their betterment. If the Holy Spirit takes complete control of the meeting, which we believe He will, LET IT GO. He has more experience than anyone there.

### **II. EMCEE AT FGBMFA OR SIMILAR CHRISTIAN FUNCTIONS**

**1. An effective EMCEE** is the spiritual leader of a meeting, not the physical leader, and he must **consecrate** himself to God in order to be an instrument of the Holy Spirit's desire (same as Jesus).

**2. ORGANIZER** - An EMCEE needs someone who can organize men (not God) by filling each position of ministry (such as ushers, greeters, book table, etc.) with capable, dedicated, and reliable men. Always remember that dedication and reliability are above ability and capability. **ORGANIZE MEN, NOT GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT!**

**3. Have TEAM PLAYER** participation. This applies to musicians, testimonies, speakers, as well as offering receivers and membership chairman. if you can't rely on them to follow the Holy Spirit, you are better off without them.

**4. OPERATES FOLLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT** - First and foremost! **DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.** After all, He brooded and hovered over the empty waste and birthed the earth and the heavens that we know. Gen. 1:2. He also birthed the church in Acts 2:4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT KNOWS WHAT HE IS DOING. DON'T YOU GET IN HIS WAY!**

**5. MUST HAVE The ANOINTING AND AUTHORITY** to be an EMCEE is on YOU, not Henry Smith, but YOU. Be yourself, lay down the veneer, and if need be, be delivered from the fear of being yourself. God spoke through a donkey in the Old Testament, and we have a better Covenant.

**6. THE COACH** - A good EMCEE is a coach and may often call the plays, but he is never the player on the field. Get your EGO out of the way. You are an instrument in God's hands.

**7. CONFIDENCE** - An EMCEE must have confidence in the HOLY SPIRIT'S ability to lead you (my sheep know my voice). If you are shaky, it is because you think you are doing it yourself and not depending on the Spirit's guidance and leading. God will never share His authority, but transmits His Authority and Anointing through willing channels.

**8. GOOD ATTITUDE** - An EMCEE must never be so serious and staunch that he cannot laugh at himself and be personable to the audience.

### **III. EMCEE AT FGBMFA OR SIMILAR CHRISTIAN FUNCTIONS**

**9. DOESN'T HYPE-UP THE MEETING** - An EMCEE must never try to HYPE-UP a meeting with too much singing or demanding audience participation from the platform. If you are real, people will follow you. The hyping up of a meeting indicates the lack of the leader's preparation or his or her lack of FAITH IN THE HOLY SPIRITS LEADING.

**10. DOESN'T ACCEPT PEER PRESSURE** - An EMCEE must never accept peer pressure to give political recognition when it is not led by the Holy Spirit. Flattery is of the devil, but honest honor, when deserved, should be given in good taste.

**11. KNOWS THE STRONG POINTS OF THE SPEAKER** - An EMCEE should know the strong points, capabilities, and anointing on the principal speaker and guide the meeting to the principal speaker's strong points. Your principal speaker is your "key player".

**12. COMMUNICATES WITH THE MUSICIANS** - An EMCEE must communicate with the musicians as to what type of songs are desired to set the proper stage for the principal speaker. I personally want the song leader, musicians, and special music (soloist) to be ready at all times. They are the commas, periods, and inspirers. If they showboat, they can destroy the meeting.

**13. YOUR POSITION** - You as EMCEE, singer, musician, speaker, etc. are fulfilling your position for only two things: 1) to build God's kingdom with new people through salvation and 2) to edify\* God's children. You are a channel, not a reservoir or a goal.

The edification of God's children includes the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, Healing, Deliverance, and Wholeness to the Body.

**14. RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HEAD TABLE** - The EMCEE must have the head table open for easy access to the audience (preferably a space on either side of the lectern at the head table where the speaker can have easy access to the audience). Use your head. If the audience is so large that you must stay on the platform for the back of the room to see - **STAY ON THE PLATFORM.**

**15. GOOD SOUND SYSTEM AND OPERATORS** - Adequate sound systems and operators are a **MUST.** Most good EMCEE'S, singers, and speakers desire a portable microphone. Some will not use a portable microphone, but most will.

**16. BE YOURSELF** - Again, always be yourself, you are not Demos Shakarian or someone else, and remember you are the **BRANCH** and not the **VINE.**

**17. DEMAND RESPECT** - Again, if you as an EMCEE or a **LEADER** have to demand respect, you are not under God's Holy Spirit Authority and Anointing, but are running on your own batteries, **NOT HIS.**

#### **IV. PERSONAL COMMENTS BY JOHN SCHMOOK**

This is not presented as a complete coverage of the functions of a good EMCEE, but is some heartfelt comments which are quite often overlooked. I believe the tempo and anointing of each meeting rests principally on **THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES.** Always know who you give the microphone to and if need be, hang onto the microphone if you can't control the singer or speaker. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GOD, HE PUT YOU IN CHARGE AND HE EXPECTS YOU TO OPERATE IN A PRUDENT YIELDED MANNER IN MINISTERING OR SETTING FORTH MINISTRY TO THE LOST AS WELL AS HIS OWN CHILDREN.**

#### **V. A WORD**

- *A Careless word May kindle strife.*
- *A Cruel word May wreck a life.*
- *A Bitter word May install hate.*
- *A Brutal word May smite and kill.*
- *A Gracious word May light a day.*
- *A Timely word May lessen stress*
- *A Loving word May heal and bless*