A mark of leaders....
they point to the direction to go.

FORESIGHT is the LEAD leaders have

The Budget is the mission
foreseen, preplanned, stated, agreed, published and executed

Foresight Analysis Communication Politics Management

LEADERS HEAD TOWARD

People Directed Objectives

Informed analysis of the political scene.
They knew the character and ways of God’s dealing.
The acted as God’s messenger
Foresight is the inspired prophetic gift......

The Prophets of Israel

Analysts Who break down the problem into parts, but sees the whole
Historians Who apply experience to the present
Futurists Who perceive the future latent in the present.

Random predictions are not part of the repertoire.

Warn of impending judgment / danger
Call for covenant commitment / mission
Offer hope where others see despair
Has a wide span of awareness
Integrates diverse inputs and perceptions intuitively

Spiritual nature of prophetic gift
Developing the mindset of foresight

- Develop an orientation toward the future
- Assess things in terms of their potential
- Seek opportunities
- Gather information, data and impressions

Discriminate toward the relevant
Detect patterns
Understand relationships
Look for order
Look for connections in the unrelated

The skills of foresight

- Creative thinking – imagine things that are not
- Suspect stereotypes – tradition is not guarantee
- Work backward from goal – project manage
- Build models – budgets, charts, pictures

Incremental improvement,
Adapt,
Simplify,
Economize,
Discover,
Exploit opportunities,
Solve problems, Invent

Change includes

Inspiration comes by

- Flash of insight,
- Emergent thought,
- Developed discussion,
- Tentative conclusions.

A combination of personal, human and divine wisdom. JAMES 1:5

What can be foreseen?

- Some cost escalation
- Building maintenance
- New church requirements
- Training requirements
- Growth of youth
- Evangelistic programs
- Departmental events
Pastoral Strategy requires foresight. Take hold of the envisioning process. Project the vision with enthusiasm. Connect the budget and the vision. Validate spending with the vision.

Foresight makes one proactive. Foresight empowers the team. Foresight brings answers to prayer!

A prudent man foresees evil, and hides himself: but the simple pass on and are punished.

Proverbs 22:3