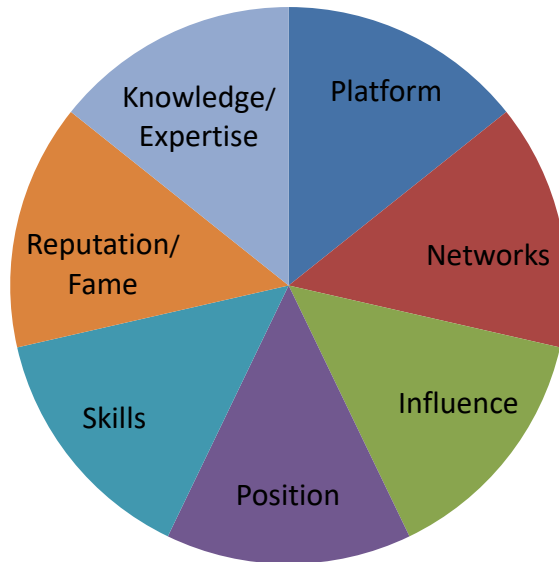


The Dimensions of Vocational Power



Under each of these categories reflect on how God has uniquely gifted or given you certain opportunities or experiences that could be leveraged or used for His glory.

Knowledge: specific knowledge gleaned from formal education or on-the-job experience in a particular field; it is important for congregants to consider how such specialized knowledge may be transferable to other contexts outside their firm

Platform: having a voice, an opportunity to get out a message

Networks: professional contacts (e.g., co-workers, fellow alumni, vendors, suppliers, customers, regulators, business partners); one's network is usually broader than one realizes!

Influence: capacity of causing an effect in indirect or intangible ways (here it is important help congregants realize they may have more influence than they think, for influence is not synonymous with position/seniority)

Position: seniority, level of authority, decision-making power within an organization. Also the organization itself may have positional power (*NY Times* has more positional power than a local newspaper)

Skills: *Live Your Calling* by authors Kevin and Kay Marie Brennfleck identifies and categorizes 62 specific skills. Congregants usually possess more than they realize at first glance. As with knowledge, it is good to get them thinking about the transferability of their skills; how the same skills they apply at work can be applied in other contexts.

Reputation/Fame: may afford entrée to powerbrokers, capacity for mobilizing a large following, or strategic opportunities to direct wide scale attention to a particular issue or cause

Discussion questions for your table to consider together:

1. Which of these “dimensions of vocational power” categories are you currently using and how?
2. Which of these “dimensions of vocational power” categories are you not currently using and how might God be calling you to steward them for His glory in your life?
3. Did anything resonate or encourage you from the panel?