

The Dynamics of Leadership

Introduction to the Series:

These studies are a parallel to the *Dynamics of Discipleship Series*. The format will be the similar. As we study, we will be more concerned about the lessons getting through to us, than we getting through the lessons.

We will hold to and look at a broad view of leadership. I believe that leadership is dynamic, not static. Someone has said "Lead, follow or get out of the way." I am more inclined to say. "Let's get with it, forget the rhetoric." All of us are leaders in our own right, or more accurately, we were meant to be leaders in our realm of responsibilities. At the most basic level, leadership is best defined in terms of "influence" not structures or functions. Has God called each of us to be influences where He has placed us?

Remember salt and light? God meant for all of us to be leaders. If you don't believe this (yet), let me ask you a few questions. Are you a parent? Are you hoping to be one some day? If you are not a leader to your children, what are you or what will you be to them? What will you do with and for them? We can raise our children to be one of two things, "leaders" or "looser". If we are not raising leaders, guess what we are raising! You are right! Model what you want them to be and become. Modelling and leadership are inseparable.

- ❑ We will look at different principles of leaderships.
- ❑ We will look at different patterns or styles of leadership.
- ❑ We will draw from the lives of various great leaders in the Scriptures and try to discover what made them effective leaders.
- ❑ We will attempt to apply those principles to our own situations (home, church, work and community), and pattern ourselves after these great saints (leaders).
- ❑ We will focus on the functional, not the formal; the personal and the practical and less the professional aspects; more biblical and spiritual, and less secular leadership. – In a sense, all leadership is spiritual.

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(Outline)

Ten Lessons for the Leader

1. The Pattern for the Leader (Jesus)

Definition and Description of Leadership
John 13:1-17; Mark 10:35-45

2. The Promises to a Leader (Joshua)

God's commandments are always accompanied by His enablements
Joshua 1:1-9

3. The Preparation of the Leader (Timothy)

The home is the training and testing ground for leadership.
It should also be the launching pad for leaders.
1Tim 3:1-15; 2Tim 1:3-7

4. The Passion of the Leader (Nehemiah)

A leader is a person with a vision and passion. He or she makes a decision about it and commits it to action.
Nehemiah 1:1-11

5. The Purpose of the Leader (Moses)

The kind of leadership we are, have and give today, will inevitably determine where we will be and what we will do in the future.
Deut 6:1-25

6. The Portrait of a Leader (Paul)

Character is more important for a leader than competence.
Character is the most important co-lateral of the leader
1Thes 2:1-12

7. Principles for the Leader

a) Delegation (Moses)

Sharing the burden and the blessings
Ex 18:13-27

b) Motivation (Peter)

- Why did I do that?
1Peter 3:1-4

c) **Organization** (Nehemiah)

Planning the work and working the Plan

Nehemiah 2:11-7:3

d) **Recognition** - Stewardship (Jesus)

Matt 25:14-30

e) **Multiplication** - Succession Planning (Timothy)

- What and who am I leaving behind?

- Who will carry on when I am gone?

- Mentoring

2Tim 1:13-2:7

8. The Priorities of the Leader

Acts 6:1-7; 1Tim 4:6-16

9. The Perils of the Leader (Saul & Diotrephes)

1Samuel 15:1-35; 18:1-19:24; 3John 1:9-12

10. A Project for the Leader

1Tim 4:11-16; 6:11-21

- Know yourself, your calling and your charge!

- Choose a great leader in Bible, whose style matches yours and learn of and from them.

- Read biographies of great leaders and learn from them.

- Study leadership

- Practice leadership

- Teach leadership