

HOW TO DEVELOP THE LEADER IN YOU

Introduction

- A. How important do you think leadership is in a nation, business, church?
- B. Who is a leader?
1. Having a _____ or _____ does not make a leader.
 2. Someone who has _____. How to identify leaders of groups of people. "One who thinks he is leading, but has no followers is only taking a walk."
 3. Leadership is _____.
 4. We all influence others negatively or positively. Think of some who have influenced you.
- C. Should we desire to lead? It depends on our _____.
1. I Tim. 3:1. Do we seek position or opportunities to do good?
 2. Are we more concerned for self or God's glory and the welfare of others? Matt. 20:20 - 28.
 3. God wants us to use our abilities.
- D. Are leaders born or developed?
1. Tourist in a quaint village asked an old man who was a native, "Were any great leaders born here?" He replied, "No, only babies."
 2. God gives us some natural abilities. Leadership expertise is mostly developed.
 3. Within all of us there is much undeveloped leadership potential.

I. Be A Good Follower.

- A. _____ is the ultimate role model.
1. Paul was a great leader because he _____.
I Cor. 11:1.
 2. Deny self, sacrifice to follow him. Luke 9: 23, 24.
- B. Allow faithful, effective leaders to be your _____. Heb. 13:7.

II. Get Your Priorities In Proper Order.

- A. Why animal trainers carry a stool into a lion's cage.

- B. Too many people major in minors and minor in majors.
- C. Make _____ your number 1 priority. Matt. 6:33.

III. How To Have Positive Influence On Others.

- A. This opportunity must be _____. People cannot be bribed or coerced into having respect and appreciation for a person.
- B. Be a good _____ of what you seek to influence others to be and do. I Tim. 4: 11 - 16.
- C. Be _____. Do your best even if the task seems insignificant. Luke 16:10; Matt. 25: 28, 29.
- D. Be a person of _____.
 - 1. Too many who desire leadership roles are primarily concerned about their image. Image is what people think we are. Integrity is what we are.
 - 2. Integrity is our system of values, it is having _____ and being _____ to them.
 - 3. A winsome personality will attract people; only integrity will keep them. "You can fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but not all of the people all of the time."
- E. Be genuinely concerned for the welfare of _____. Phil. 2:3, 4.
 - 1. Never "use" people to further your personal interests.
 - 2. Help people in time of need.
- F. Have a _____ attitude toward people.
 - 1. Look for their positive qualities.
 - 2. Compliment people. Be generous with praise, stingy with criticism.
- G. Be _____ -- learn to relate to and influence different types of people. I Cor. 9: 19 - 23.

IV. Have A Burning Desire For Self-Improvement.

- A. Desire coupled with _____ makes the difference between greatness and mediocrity, success and failure.

1. It is not natural ability, circumstances or "luck".

2. Examples.

B. Sacrifice _____ and _____ for things that will help you improve.

1. "Everything in life has its price."

2. How much is becoming a truly great person worth to you?

C. Practice self-_____. II Pet. 1:6.

1. Often to achieve what we really want, we have to do what we really don't want to.

2. Examples: Students, athletes, employees, business owners, etc.

3. "If you could kick the person most responsible for your problems and failures, you would be too sore to sit down for a long time."

V. Depend On God.

A. Persons whom God has used mightily have all had _____ in him.

1. Examples in Hebrews 11.

2. Real faith in God involves _____ and _____.
Heb. 11:1-6.

B. By ourselves, we are hopelessly incompetent to do all God wants us to do.

1. God makes us competent. II Cor. 3:5.

2. _____ for wisdom, direction, strength, victory. Matt. 7:7; Eph. 6: 18, 19;
James 1:5, 5:16.

3. God's ability far exceeds our ability to ask or imagine. His power works _____.
Eph. 3:20.

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