

Course Title: THE LIFESTYLE OF LEADERSHIP

Goal of This Lesson: The purpose of this lesson is to demonstrate that leadership is a living epistle, read of all men and women. To reveal the qualities of a true leader within and without.

Note: This lesson contains important principles that will help a person spiritually mature unto the fullness of Christ through practice, perspective, and practical application.

READING ASSIGNMENT: Please Read the Following Passage(s)

(Ruth 1:14-18 NKJV) Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, [Or to] turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people [shall be] my people, And your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, if [anything but] death parts you and me." When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her.

Each letter in the word **L-E-A-D-E-R-S-H-I-P** has a meaning; we will see through its acronym what those meanings are, and the essence of the lifestyle associated with it.

L - *Loyalty* is faithful or faithfulness to a person, government, cause, duty, etc.

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(1 Corinthians 4:2 NKJV) Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

- Loyalty produces a sense of *commitment* to a team.
- Loyalty will measure your *effectiveness*.
- Loyalty will determine if you're *trustworthy*.
- Loyalty shows your *integrity* and *character*.

"The day you stop learning is the day you stop leading" – Author Unknown

"An Important Question for Leaders to Remember Is, Am I Building People, or Building My Dream and Using People to Do It" - John Maxwell

E - Equip is to provide with what is needed. To outfit troops for battle or to prepare by training, instructions, etc.

To do the right *job* you need the right tools:

- Equipping is an *ongoing* process.
- Equipping must be *tailored* for each individual person.

A - Attitude is one's disposition, opinion or mental set.

- A leader must have an attitude which sees *people & situations* in a *positive light*.
- A person who has a positive attitude can be considered a *sky is the limit person*.
- The positive person understands the *journey* is just as important as the *destination*.
- Your *attitude* at the beginning of a *task* will affect the *outcome* more than anything else.
- Charles R. Swindoll stated that life is *10%* what happens to you and *90%* how you react to it.

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(Philippians 4:11 NKJV) Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:

D - Discipline is training that develops self-control, character and integrity.

A Leader Must:

- Live by Obedience: Imposing strict guidelines on yourself.
- Live Above Reproach: "Small ideas can make a big difference." - John Maxwell
- Must Not Be Opinionated: Must be willing to gain experience overtime and understand
- That you have to qualify for the trust and confidence of others.

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." -- John F. Kennedy

E - *Enthusiasm* is the act of excitement or being excited.

"IF YOU DON'T THINK IT'S EXCITING YOUR PEOPLE WON'T EITHER!"

R - *Relationship* is a continuing attachment or association between persons or firms.

- A person must have a relationship built with *God* first, *family* second and finally *church membership*.
- A good communicator has the ability to set a person at ease.

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(Psalm 133:1 NKJV) Behold, how good and how pleasant [it is] for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

S - *Service* is work done or duty performed for another or others. Leadership is not built around your title but how well you can serve.

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(1 Corinthians 9:19 NKJV) For though I am free from all [men], I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more;

(Galatians 5:13 NKJV) For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not [use] liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

H - *Humility* is Modesty unpretentious, meekness, self-abasement, absence of pride or self-assertion.

- We must not be so quick to receive *praise* and so soon to run from *problems*.
- Genuine humility is *serving*. Doing what needs to be done because it is right, not because who is *watching*. God's people must be so *emptied of self* that they are unconsciously humble.
- A humble man feels no *jealously* or envy. He can praise God when others are *preferred* and *blessed* before him. He can hear others praised while he is *forgotten* because He has received the spirit of Christ who pleased not Himself and who sought not His own *honor*.

"I have more trouble with D.L Moody than any man alive" - D.L. Moody

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(James 4:10 NKJV) Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

I - *Integrity* is the quality or state of being of sound moral principle; uprightness, honesty and sincerity.

- Leaders are to live by a *higher set of standards* than their followers.
- Our tendency is to build our *image* more than our *integrity*.

We can check what kind of building we are constructing by asking three things. In order to properly evaluate yourselves, answer with a simple Yes or No:

- *Consistency*: Am I the same person no matter who is with me?
- *Choices*: Do I make decisions that are best for others when another choice would benefit me?
- *Credit*: Am I quick to recognize others for their efforts and contributions to my success?

P - *Prayer* is a humble and sincere request as to God, such as an utterance in praise, thanksgiving or confession to the Lord.

- Prayer is a mighty instrument not for getting mans will done in heaven, but for getting God's will done on earth.
- The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayer-less studies, prayer-less work, prayer-less religion, or prayer-less relationships with God. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom but trembles when we pray.

CONCLUSION

The five methods for equipping people are as follows:

1. Model: Live Your Leadership
2. Mentor: Help Others To Reach Their Leadership Potential
3. Monitor: Assess the Progress of One's Leadership
4. Motivate: Inspire & Encourage Others To Be Leaders
5. Multiply: Reproduce Your Leadership In The Lives Of Others

"Leadership is Influence" – John Maxwell

**Assignment
WORKSHEET**

Student Name: _____
Print Full First Name Middle Initial Print Full Last Name

Church Name: _____ **Pastor:** _____

Date: _____

Take your time to review the lesson before you provide your answers.

1. According to the lesson, loyalty produces, measures, determines, shows what five things?

2. According to the lesson, you're what at the beginning of a task will affect the outcome more than anything else?

3. According to the lesson, a good what has the ability to set a person at ease.

4. According to the lesson, God's people must be so emptied of self that they are what?

5. According to the lesson, leaders are to live by what kind of standards than their followers?

6. According to the lesson, it states "Do I make decisions that are best for others when another ____ would benefit me?" Please write the best answer below:

7. According to the lesson, ____ is faithful or faithfulness to a person, government, cause, duty. Please select the best answer below:

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| A. laity | D. humility |
| B. loyalty | E. love |
| C. levity | F. hope |

8. According to the lesson, equipping and on____ __ __ __ __ process and must be ____ __ __ __ __ for each individual person.

9. According to the lesson, a leader must live by obedience imposing strict guidelines on ____? Please select the best answer below:

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| A. yourself | D. money |
| B. others | E. holiness |
| C. carnality | F. bible |

10. According to the lesson, for though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all that I might win the more is found at Galatians 5:13.

Please select true or false: ☐ True ☐ False

11. According to the Lesson, integrity is the quality or state of being of sound ____ __ __ __ __ Principle; uprightness, ____ __ __ e ____ __ __ and sincerity.

12. According to the lesson, the five methods for equipping people are as follows:

______: Inspire & encourage others to be leaders

______: Assess the progress of one's leadership

______: Live your leadership

______: Reproduce your leadership in the lives of others

______: Help others to reach their leadership potential

Congratulations on completing this lesson. While some lessons may seem harder than others, you must always study to show yourself approved unto God, and reveal to others, what God has given you.

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**Assignment
WORKSHEET****ANSWER SHEET**

Take your time to review each verse before you provide your answers.

1. Commitment, effectiveness, trustworthy, integrity, character
2. attitude
3. communicator
4. unconsciously humble
5. higher set
6. choice
7. Loyalty
8. Ongoing, tailored
9. Yourself
10. False
11. Moral, honesty
12. Motivate, monitor, model, multiply, mentor