

# Leadership Qualities

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Topic: leadership qualities that are lacking.
- B. As these needs are mentioned they can be brought to the Lord so that He can address them appropriately.
- C. Scriptural basis: 1 Samuel 16:18, Luke 2:52, 2 Peter 1:5-8.
- D. God makes the man but there are certain things required.
- E. Assumptions: spirituality, purity, personal sincerity

## II. Cardinal virtues: prudence, temperance, justice fortitude.

- A. Prudence is practical common sense. (Proverbs 22:3)
- B. Temperance is self-control. It is not necessarily abstention, but it is going in the right direction in discipline. Patience is included in this.
- C. Justice is honesty, keeping promises, and so on.

## III. What is often lacking in being a leader.

### A. Observation.

1. Observation is the habit of taking note.
2. Keys to observation: interest and effort.
3. We need to have a sense of the importance of observation. We need to realize that we have not put forth the effort.

### B. Initiative.

1. We can and should learn many things from others.
2. The task only gets done with someone who is a self-starter.
3. We must work with what we have, make something of it and never be satisfied.

C. Imagination - this is tremendously important in the Lord's work. You develop it through effort mainly.

D. Good judgment.

1. Poor judgment fails to take into account the consequences.
2. We must think and do things in the order of their importance.

E. Enthusiasm.

1. We ought to put ourselves enthusiastically into the interests of others.
2. Our effectiveness is magnified when we are wholeheartedly given to the task. (Colossians 3:23)
3. We develop enthusiasm by finding something we are interested in and by putting ourselves into it.

IV. What is often lacking in being a follower.

- A. To be a good leader, you must first be a good follower.
- B. Availability. (1 Kings 20:40a)
- C. Dependable. (Proverbs 10:26)
- D. Open-hearted.
- E. Whole-hearted. (1 Samuel 14:6-7)

V. If you lack in these things and ask the Lord, He will give them to you.

Application questions

1. What things are assumed to be part of a leader's life? What things are often found lacking?

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2. Which of the leader's needs stands out to you? Explain.

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3. Why is it necessary that a good leader first be a good follower? Which of the qualities of a follower will you focus on most? Explain.

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