

Developing Leadership

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I. Introduction.

A. There is something tremendously deceiving about hearing only. (James 1:22, Hebrews 2:1)

B. Text: I Thessalonians 1:5.

II. Paul was conscious of his weakness in ministry, but he preached in power. (I Corinthians 2:1-5, 3:6-7, II Corinthians 4:5, I Corinthians 4:7)

III. To have a ministry, people have to get out where the people are and be with them. (Matthew 4:19, Mark 1:17, Matthew 4:21-22)

A. Paul went to the synagogue first because he went to places where people would be interested. (Acts 13:5)

B. Paul went out and prayed for boldness. (Acts 4:29)

IV. Paul called attention to the quality of life he lived.

A. We need to share our strengths and weakness with people in order to impact them.

B. Paul urged others to be a pattern for others to follow Jesus. (I Timothy 4:12, I Corinthians 11:1, 4:15, Philippians 3:17, II Corinthians 12:18, I Thessalonians 3:7, Philippians 4:9)

C. If we want people to behave a certain way, we must model that lifestyle for others.

D. Paul had an entourage of followers. (Acts 20:4, Romans 16, I Corinthians 4:7, II Corinthians 4:7, I Corinthians 15:10, Philippians 3:13)

V. Paul preached the message about Jesus in power so that those following him might grow. (I Thessalonians 2:13, Colossians 4:19, I Thessalonians 3:8, I Corinthians 15:58, Galatians 4:11, II Corinthians 6:1)

VI. Paul shared his life with those following him.

VII. Our objective should be to make learners, and we must set the pace in learning. (II Corinthians 2:11, I Peter 2:11)

VIII. Multiplication of disciples works.

Application questions:

1. Why is going where people are at the necessary first step in developing leadership? How can you do better to reach people strategically in this way?

2. How would you respond to someone who says that calling attention to the quality of life one lives is arrogant?

3. How can you share your lives better with those in need of spiritual growth this week in a practical and provable way? Explain.
