

Exercise in Self-Control

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Corinthians 9.

B. Metals with purities in the Old Testament were rejected. We can be disqualified as leaders similarly. (Isaiah 1:22; Proverbs 25:4)

II. Things that can disqualify a man for leadership.

A. A failure to grow and learn with responsibility in areas of teaching, counseling and various subjects. (Proverbs 15:31-32; 24)

B. Seeking position, which is prideful. (1 Peter 5; Philippians 2:5; 3:7)

C. Unavailability, which has to do with commitment. Availability requires.

1. Physical and emotional readiness. (Matthew 5:40-41)

2. Pacing ourselves.

3. Our marriage and our children.

4. Dealing with entanglements of the world. (2 Timothy 2)

D. Failure to exercise self-control. We must maintain the basics with our walk with the Lord. (Galatians 5:23; 2 Timothy 1:7)

III. Leadership principles.

A. Making sound and timely decisions. (2 Samuel 5:14)

B. Making sure that everything that is being shared is communicated clearly. (Mark 8:32; John 17:8)

Application questions:

1. Which leadership disqualifier concerns you the most? Explain.

2. How can one grow in making sound and timely decisions?

3. What are some ways a leader can improve his or her communication skills?
