

# **Spiritual Leadership and Authority**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Leadership is simply influencing the attitudes and actions of others.
- B. Spiritual leadership involves spiritual things: God, Christ, worship, faith, reconciliation, etc.

## II. Vision is indispensable to spiritual leadership. (Luke 10)

- A. The Good Samaritan was headed somewhere, but he had compassion.
- B. Vision is indispensable for leadership because without it one does not have a heart.

## III. Vision is indispensable for spiritual leadership because without it there is no perspective.

- A. There was something in the Good Samaritan that immediately reacted to a need.
- B. Vision sees things as they really are.
- C. A man of vision sees more than others see and sees more clearly than others see.
- D. The Bible and the Holy Spirit are needed to gain a vision.

## IV. A vision for different things.

- A. The Navigator movement is safe under the hands of God if it is in the hands of heroes.
  1. A hero has penetrated into the meaning of ultimate reality—knowing where he came from, who he is and where he is going.
  2. This ultimate reality is God—we have an anchor in God no matter what else.
  3. Without an anchor in God, we will forever be insecure.
  4. The first thing that bothered David was God's honor. (Psalm 23)
  5. No other evidence should be sought for except what God has spoken. Looking for more with secondary evidences will cause a hardening of the heart.
  6. The hero lives by his vision.
  7. The hero lays down his life for the vision.
  8. Three hundred heroes like this will grow by themselves.
  9. God most often reveals himself out of the most difficult times.

B. Jesus went about doing good as we should. (Matthew 9, Acts 10:38)

C. The need is for laborers that are fit for the battle like Gideon's three hundred who had the right heart for the battle. Soldiers are needed for when the going gets tough. (Judges, Proverbs 17:17, Luke 22:28)

D. The vision is to do something about the need for laborers through multiplication.

1. It is easy to lose sight of the vision.
2. This vision is worldwide.
3. God has given us a responsibility in the whole world.
4. God is the one who will make it happen.

**Application questions**

1. What is "ultimate reality?"

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2. Explain why vision is indispensable for spiritual leadership according to the speaker.

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3. When was God most real to you? What does this teach you about the value of those kind of times?

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