

Spiritual Leadership

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I. Introduction.

- A. Subject: spiritual leadership.
- B. In the ministry it takes laborers to keep disciple making going to fulfill the Great Commission and it takes leaders to keep the labor producing movement going.
- C. Everyone is a leader in some way.
- D. Theme: what people want in a spiritual leader.
 - 1. What am I supposed to do?
 - 2. Will you let me do it?
 - 3. Will you help me when I need it?
 - 4. Will you let me know how I am doing?

- E. But people need more than these questions answered.

II. What people want in a spiritual leader. (Joshua 1)

- A. The Lord is to be with the leader.
 - 1. The Israelites must have recalled the experience of Moses refusing to go on without God. (Exodus 33)
 - 2. To have a promise and success without God is not good enough.
 - 3. It is essential that one knows that where one is at is where God wants him to be.
 - 4. How to be sure the Lord is with us. (1 Chronicles 15:2)
 - a. Be with the Lord.
 - b. Seek the Lord. (Exodus 34:2)
 - c. Get up early in the morning.
 - d. Present yourself to the Lord.
 - 1) We are His servants—He is not ours.
 - 2) The heart of a fruitful life is in surrender to God.

5. Take the people that God gives you. If God is with you, you will go a long way no matter the people that He gives you.

B. The Lord is to be strong and of good courage.

1. To be strong means to take hold. If you are going to lead, then you must lead.

2. Be of good courage.

a. Courage is a mental willingness to stick it out in the face of danger.

b. Success is never final and failure is never fatal. It is courage that counts.

Application questions

1. What do people want in a spiritual leader? What does this look like?

2. What council does the speaker give to be sure the Lord is with us?

3. What area could you use greater courage in? What steps can you take to develop this?
