

## **Character of a Leader**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. 2 Chronicles 26:5: as long as King Uzziah sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.
- B. Uzziah was king for 52 years and became very powerful until he lost everything.

### II. What made Uzziah a success.

- A. He had a mentor that taught him to seek God.
  - 1. The speaker did not have a leadership model nor an example, but men like Dawson Trotman and Billy Graham taught him to seek God.
  - 2. He learned the importance of having a clear sense of vision and clear sense of authority.

### III. Three dimensions of biblical leadership: servant, steward and shepherd.

- A. The servant of Christ. (1 Corinthians 4)
  - 1. This is not a servant of man.
  - 2. Christ frees us to serve in the most difficult situations. (1 Corinthians 9:19)
  - 3. When we are first servants of Christ, we can then be servants of men on His behalf.
- B. We are stewards of God. (1 Corinthians 4)
  - 1. God gives us simple mission statements.
  - 2. Sometimes the mission is not always clear.
  - 3. You have to have it clear in your soul whose servant you are. (1 Samuel 15:17, 24)
- C. We are shepherds of the people.
  - 1. People are a gift from God. (1 Samuel 7:20, John 17)
  - 2. Your team is bigger than your staff.
  - 3. You are to pay attention carefully to your people. (Proverbs 23:27)

#### IV. Why Uzziah was ultimately unsuccessful.

A. Pride.

B. Anger.

1. This can end up in bitterness.
2. This develops into a hardness with leaders.
3. They often hold leadership principles without flexibility.
4. Some things need to remain solid and others flexible.

#### V. Leadership principles.

- A. The work of the ministry is on the Lord's shoulders. (Psalm 127)
- B. God is the glue that holds a ministry together.
- C. If it ought to be done it can be done.

#### **Application questions.**

1. What are the dimensions of biblical leadership? Explain them in your own words.

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2. What stood out to you the most in this message? Why?

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3. How are you a leader in your own circles? What unique challenges do you face that have a solution in the model explained by the speaker?

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