Leadership – Part 1

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I. Introduction.

II. Leaders are chosen by God and confirmed by a band of followers. (Psalm 75:6-7; Daniel 2:21)
   A. It is not a result of organizational.
   B. God makes the choice sovereignly. (1 Samuel 9:16-17; 1 Samuel 16:7)

III. Qualities of leaders.
   A. Leaders are good examples by their lives. (Judges 7:17; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 2:9)
   B. A leader must be a man of faith—he must really believe God. (Hebrews 11:6; 13:7)
   C. Real spiritual leadership should be based on desire. (1 Timothy 3:1)
   D. A leader must have a proper relationship to people. (1 Timothy 3:2-3; Titus 1:5-9; James 3:17-18)
   E. A leader must be self-controlled and temperate.
      1. He shouldn’t have a hobby-horse rider.
      2. He should stand his ground.
   F. A leader must be prudent. (Romans 12:3)
   G. A leader is a good counselor. (Psalm 37:30)
   H. A leader must have the ability to communicate.
      1. God speaks with authority. (Numbers 12:3; Acts 7:22)
      2. Hindrances to communication.
         a. Over-generalization.
         b. Cause-effect statements.
         c. Either-or thinking.
         d. Misuse of specifics.
         e. Appealing to other authorities other than the Bible.
f. Dishonesty. (Acts 24:16)

g. Revealing confidences. (Numbers 5:5-6)

h. Talking down to others. (1 Corinthians 4:7)

i. A lack of loving acceptance of others. (Romans 12:16; 14:4, 10)

Application questions:

1. Which qualities of leadership would you like to develop most?

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2. What is your long term plan for developing as a leader?

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3. Why is communication so important for leadership? Explain.

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