

Spiritual Leader Workshop – Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Leaders are chosen by God and confirmed by a band of followers. (Psalm 75:6-7; Daniel 2:21; 1 Samuel 9:16-17; 16)

II. Qualifications for leaders.

A. Leaders must be an example and lead out in front. Leaders must be men of God and have a faith worth imitating. (1 Corinthians 1:11; Philippians 4:9; Hebrews 13:7)

B. Leaders should have a desire to lead. (1 Timothy 3:1)

C. Leaders should be prudent.

1. Leaders exercise peaceful wisdom. (James 3:16-17)

2. Leaders are temperate regarding basic truths. (1 Timothy 3)

3. Leaders should have a sane estimate of their capabilities. (Romans 12:3)

4. Leaders should have good judgment and be good counselors. (Psalm 37:30)

D. Leaders should be good communicators.

1. They should speak the truth. (Numbers 23:29)

2. They should speak with authority. (Numbers 12:3; Acts 17:22)

3. They use different methods. (Job 34:14)

4. They detail what they want people to do. (Jonah)

5. Roadblocks to communication.

a. Exaggeration.

b. Over-generalization.

c. Cause-effect statements.

d. Thinking in terms of either-or.

e. Appealing to another authority.

f. Dishonesty.

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

h. Talking down to others. (1 Corinthians 4:7; Romans 12:16)

i. Lack of acceptance of others. (Romans 14:4)

III. Types of leaders.

A. Ruling, managing and motivating people. (Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 1:17; Mark 14:27)

B. Governance or administration. (1 Corinthians 12:28; Titus 1:5; 1 Timothy 3:4-5; Titus 2:7, 14)

IV. Leaders should have proper motives.

A. For the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

B. For the lost. (1 Corinthians 9:19, 22)

C. For discipleship. (Colossians 1:28-29)

D. For the love of Christ himself. (2 Corinthians 5:14)

E. For heavenly reward. (1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Matthew 25:21; John 14)

Application questions:

1. In what areas of leadership do you need to grow?

2. Which type of leader are you? Explain.

3. What is your plan in for growing as a leader? Be specific.
