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Lesson 1: Introduction to Leadership

Scriptures:

Luke 16:1-13, Matthew 20:25-26, I Peter 5:3, James 3:15-17, I Corinthians 4:16, 11:1, Philippians 2:5

Questions:

- (1) Why is it so important for the church to study about leadership?
- (2) How are churches and businesses similar? How are they different?
- (3) What are the benefits of studying about godly leaders in the Bible?
- (4) Who are some of the great leaders in the Bible? Why?
- (5) Who are some of the great leaders in the church (past/present)?
- (6) Why is mentoring not more readily accepted or practiced?
- (7) How can we fail in leadership? How can we succeed?
- (8) Who should lead the flock of God? Why?

Dig Deeper:

Who do you think of when you think of a good leader? Why?

What else should we add or discuss before we close this study?



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Lesson 2: The Leadership of Moses

Scriptures:

Acts 7:22, Exodus 2:7-22, 18:13-27, Numbers 11:11-15, Exodus 32:11-14, 30-34, 33:12-17

Questions:

- (1) Why was Moses reluctant to lead God's people?
- (2) How did Egypt and Midian prepare Moses for leadership?
- (3) How long did it take Moses to get prepared? Why?
- (4) Did Moses make mistakes? Then, why did God feel he was ready?
- (5) Who influenced Moses' decision making? Why?
- (6) What does Moses' prayer life tell us about his leadership?
- (7) Why was Moses willing to face persecution and trial as a leader?
- (8) What specific qualities of Moses should be followed today? Why?

Dig Deeper:

How can you lead like Moses?

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Lesson 3: The Leadership of Joshua

Scriptures:

Joshua 24:15, 29-31, 1:1-9, Exodus 24:13, Joshua 3:7, 4:14, 5:13-15, Numbers 13:25-28, 14:6-9, Hebrews 11:30

Questions:

- (1) Why is it so important to have humility as a leader?
- (2) Why does faith and trust in God make a leader stronger?
- (3) How can being a man of God's word lead a person into leadership?
- (4) Why is it so important to be a man of prayer if you are a leader?
- (5) Why did Joshua place God first in his life and His will first in most of the decisions he made?
- (6) How can a godly leader serve the church and not put God first?
- (7) Why is the statement in **Joshua 24:15** so powerful?
- (8) What specific qualities of Joshua should be followed today? Why?

Dig Deeper:

How can you lead like Joshua?

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Lesson 4: The Leadership of Caleb

Scriptures:

Numbers 13:1-33, 14:1-10, II Corinthians 11:23-28, Ecclesiastes 9:10, I Peter 5:2-4, I Peter 2:21-25, Joshua 14:7-12, 15:14

Questions:

- (1) Why is it important to study about Caleb as a leader?
- (2) How can optimism be a valuable characteristic in a leader?
- (3) Why was Caleb so respected among the people?
- (4) What will happen if God's leaders run from the dangerous tasks?
- (5) How can proper evaluation, meditation, and prayer help leaders to avoid conflict?
- (6) When a person trusts in God great things can be done. Why?
- (7) Why does steadfastness leave such a lasting impression?
- (8) What specific qualities of Caleb should be followed today? Why?

Dig Deeper:

How can you lead like Caleb?

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Lesson 5: The Leadership of David

Scriptures:

I Samuel 13:14, 16:6-12, 17:34, II Samuel 2:4-7, I Samuel 24-26, II Samuel 11-12, Psalm 51, Romans 3:23, Acts 13:22

Questions:

- (1) Why is David called a man after God's own heart?
- (2) Why does God look at the inner part of man? What can we learn?
- (3) How can courage and charisma in a leader be beneficial?
- (4) Why is it so important for leaders to praise others?
- (5) What can we learn from David's strengths and weaknesses?
- (6) Can leaders who fail be restored? Should they be restored? Explain.
- (7) Why do people think perfection is a quality of a leader?
- (8) What specific qualities of David should be followed today? Why?

Dig Deeper:

How can you lead like David?

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Lesson 6: The Leadership of Josiah

Scriptures:

II Kings 22:1-23:30, II Chronicles 34:1-36:1, II Kings 18:5, I Timothy 4:13, II Timothy 3:16-17

Questions:

- (1) Why is it so important for a leader to know right from wrong?
- (2) Why do good leaders focus more on spiritual matters?
- (3) How can humble hearts and sensitive spirits motivate the people?
- (4) How can you be meek and exert your authority as a leader?
- (5) What challenges should leaders give to their people?
- (6) How can leaders exemplify a strong and persuasive influence?
- (7) How can generosity be a great characteristic in a leader?
- (8) What specific qualities of Josiah should be followed today? Why?

Dig Deeper:

How can you lead like Josiah?

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Lesson 7: The Leadership of Nehemiah

Scriptures:

Nehemiah 1:5-11, 3:1-6, 28-29, 2:17-20, 4:1-17, Galatians 6:1, Nehemiah 13:10-21

Questions:

- (1) What did Nehemiah purpose in his heart? Why?
- (2) Why is planning and preparation so important for a leader?
- (3) How can motivational skills be beneficial to a leader?
- (4) Why is it so important to understand problem solving?
- (5) Is there any way to prepared for all conflicts? Explain.
- (6) Why do leaders flee from conflict resolution? Why is this dangerous?
- (7) How can leaders be more effective in delegating authority?
- (8) What specific qualities of Nehemiah should be followed today? Why?

Dig Deeper:

How can you lead like Nehemiah?

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Lesson 8: The Leadership of Jesus

Scriptures:

Matthew 20:20-28, I Peter 5:3, Philippians 2:5-11, John 13:1-20, Matthew 10:32

Questions:

- (1) How did the Gentiles and the Jews differ in leadership strategy?
- (2) What specific qualities did Jesus command of His disciples?
- (3) How can servanthood exalt a person to leadership?
- (4) How can forcefulness and pushiness hinder leadership?
- (5) Why are compassion and mercy so important for a leader?
- (6) How can we wash one another's feet today?
- (7) Why do people try to "lord" over the flock of God?
- (8) What specific qualities of Jesus should be followed today? Why?

Dig Deeper:

How can you lead like Jesus?

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Lesson 9: The Leadership of Paul

Scriptures:

Acts 9, 22:16, 13:1-14, 14:1-23, 17:4-5, II Timothy 4:11, Philemon 24, Galatians 2:1-5, I Timothy 1:3-4, Titus 1:5, Romans 1:8, Philippians 1:3, Colossians 1:3, I Corinthians 1:10-17

Questions:

- (1) Why is so important to plan and make strategy as a leader?
- (2) What happens when you make a mistake? What do you do?
- (3) Why is problem solving a stumbling block for many leaders?
- (4) Why is it easier, not to mention biblical, to delegate authority?
- (5) What will happen when we organize like the first century church?
- (6) How can we better motivate people to action?
- (7) Is it good for leaders to change? How? Why?
- (8) What specific qualities of Paul should be followed today? Why?

Dig Deeper:

How can you lead like Paul?

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Lesson 10: Leadership Qualities – Part 1

Scriptures:

Acts 6:1-7, John 21:15-17, Galatians 6:1-2, Matthew 18:15-17, Matthew 28:20, Romans 8:31

Questions:

- (1) Why is it so important for leaders to understand problem solving?
- (2) What will happen if a leader cannot handle problems in their life?
- (3) Why does God want specific people to lead the church?
- (4) Who is qualified to lead the flock? Why?
- (5) Why is it so important for leaders to handle criticism?
- (6) How can constructive criticism help a leader?
- (7) How can harsh and critical comments tear a leader down?
- (8) Do we have to deal with every problem we are faced with? Explain.

Dig Deeper:

What kind of leaders do you think we need today?

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Lesson 11: Leadership Qualities – Part 2

Scriptures:

Acts 6:1-7, Ephesians 4:11-16, Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 14:28-32, Matthew 6:33, 7:12, I Corinthians 1:10

Questions:

- (1) How can church leaders better communicate with their flock?
- (2) How can leaders best motivate people to action in the church?
- (3) Why is it important to plan, prepare, and have vision?
- (4) What will happen if we never plan for the future? Why?
- (5) What Bible characters show the best example of preparation?
- (6) Why is it so important that leaders have proper priorities?
- (7) What will happen if the leaders are not mature?
- (8) Who is actually the head of the congregation? Why is this important?

Dig Deeper:

What will happen if you refuse to change?

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Lesson 12: Leadership Qualities – Part 3

Scriptures:

Acts 6:1-7, I Peter 5:1-4, Acts 15:36-41, I Timothy 3:1-16, Titus 1:5-9, Galatians 5:22-26, Ephesians 4:3-7, 11-16

Questions:

- (1) Why is it so important to delegate authority to others?
- (2) What will happen if elders do not delegate authority to the deacons?
- (3) What will happen if the deacons are not given any authority at all?
- (4) What will happen if church members are not equipped for ministry?
- (5) How can leaders properly lead if they lack self-control?
- (6) Can a man be qualified as a church leader if he has no self-control?
- (7) Why is it so important to understand the fruits of the Spirit?
- (8) What will happen if leaders lose control of themselves or the flock?

Dig Deeper:

What other qualities do you think are important to leadership?

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Lesson 13: Conclusion

Scriptures:

Ephesians 6:1-18, I Peter 5:8, I John 5:19, Luke 8:11-16, Isaiah 2:2-4, Matthew 16:13-18, Acts 1:5-9, 2:1-47, 5:14, 6:1, 9:31, 12:24, 16:5, 19:20, 21:20, I Corinthians 12:12-27, Hebrews 5:8-9

Questions:

- (1) What is the greatest need in the church today? Why?
- (2) Why should we learn about the proper dynamics of leadership?
- (3) What does God's word say about leadership?
- (4) What can we learn from the book of Acts in regards to leadership?
- (5) What people are designated for leadership? Why?
- (6) What happens if people rise up to lead that are not qualified?
- (7) What is the destiny of the lost and the saved? What is your destiny?
- (8) Why does the church, and our God, deserve our best efforts?

Dig Deeper:

Why is it so important that we continue to study about leadership?

What else should we add or discuss before we close this study?