

“WHO WANTS TO BE A GODLY LEADER?”

Titus 2:4 - *That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,*



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What is a leader? James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner authors of “*The Leadership Challenge*” state that leaders never truly know the potential of their leadership or giftedness until they lead people who don’t have to follow. The leadership gift cannot be manufactured. It’s an innate gifting that finds expression in leading the charge, bringing about change, impacting lives.

As a leader, your personal influence can be used for exciting and fulfilling results, or it can be used wrongly for disappointing results. It can be anchored by a source greater than yourself – the wisdom of God – or it can be hampered by a self-serving motivation. The choice is up to you. When men and women rise to that “Jesus pattern” of Leadership, amazing things happen! The following quote by Jack Welch sums up leadership perfectly. “*Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.*” My definition of a Godly leader is: *one who has been chosen by God to lead the people of God in order to build the kingdom of God! Let me share a few tips to be successful. Be a ...*

Learner -- (Matthew 11:29) – “*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*” A leader is merely a servant! Your goal should be to strive to become a better, effective and empowered leader. You should faithfully desire to reach towards the next level of excellence! And while you’re reaching towards the next level, bring some followers along with you.

Example -- (I Corinthians 11:1) - “*Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*” Paul encourages the Corinthians to practice his life model since he is imitating Jesus, whom he met personally. When you, the Godly leader purposefully and intentionally follow the model that Christ left, then those who come along side of you and follow after you are guaranteed to grow and go as you are all imitating Christ!

Accountable -- (James 5:16) - “*Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*” As a Godly leader, it is critical that you have a trusted counter-part whom you are accountable to. Find someone that you can be totally transparent with and confess your faults, your frailties, your weaknesses, your short comings, your failures, your proclivities, your struggles and know that what you say will remain confidential!

Dedicated -- (Romans 12:1) - “*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*” Have you truly dedicated your life, your body, and your gifts to the submission of the Holy Spirit? Your walk must definitely line up with your talk! You must be a woman or man of God of integrity, value and morals.

Empowered -- (Acts 1:8) - “*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*” You cannot be effective or impactful without the power of the Holy Ghost working on the inside of you! Never undertake to do anything for the kingdom without seeking the power of the Holy Ghost!

Resource -- (Hebrews 10:24-25) - “*And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*” Start gathering people, places and services that your people may need from time to time. Make yourself a reputable resource not only in your church, but also in and around your local community. Always be willing to consistently and joyfully share whatever knowledge, resources and experience you may have obtained! Do you measure up? Fit the bill? If not, start now and be a Godly Leader!

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