

Leadership 301

Lesson Two

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Key Verse: *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”* John 10:1-5 (NKJV)

Purpose: The purpose of this lesson is to help the disciple understand the basic qualities that define a godly leader.

1. “Leadership is _____. That’s it. Nothing more; nothing less. My favorite leadership proverb is: He who thinketh he leadeth and hath no one following him is only taking a walk.” [John Maxwell, Developing the Leader within You (Thomas Nelson Publishers; Nashville, TN 1993), p. 1]
2. Everyone has the _____ of leadership inside.
3. The evidence of leadership is the ability to get _____.
 - a. True leaders do not have to declare themselves as the leaders.
4. The evidence of _____ leaders is successful followers.
5. Successful leaders are developed from good _____.
 - a. We cannot lead people where we refuse to be led.
 - b. 1 Corinthians 11:1 (KJV) *“Be followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.”*
6. Successful leaders spend quality _____ with God.
 - a. Joshua 1:8 Meditate in the word day and night
 - b. Luke 5:16 Jesus often spent time with God in prayer.
 - c. Successful leaders are willing to pay the price.
 - d. Lead only where clear direction from God has been revealed.
7. Successful leaders lead through _____ to God.
 - a. When asked about the secret to his success, David Yonggi Cho, pastor of the world’s largest church in Seoul, Korea, said “I pray and I obey.”
 - b. To succeed in life and not obey God is the ultimate failure.
8. Successful leaders are first successful at _____.
 - a. If we cannot lead at home, then we cannot lead others effectively outside the home.
9. Successful leaders lead with _____.
 - a. They understand God’s purpose.
 - b. They have vision of where God is leading.
 - c. They can impart vision to others.
10. Successful leaders learn to _____ with followers.
11. Successful leaders strive to become _____ leaders.
 - a. Matthew 10:24 (NKJV) *“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.”*
 - b. The growth of committed followers depends on the _____ of leadership.
 - c. Leadership development is a lifetime commitment lived out one day at a time.

12. Successful leaders are _____. (Romans 12:3; I Peter 4:7)
13. Successful leaders are _____ in God.
- They have nothing to prove.
 - They have nothing to hide.
 - They have no selfish motive.
 - They have no hidden agenda.
14. Successful leaders are _____ in all things.
- Without trust a person loses his ability to influence others. Without the ability to influence, we lose the ability to lead.
 - Trust takes a lifetime to build but can be destroyed in a moment.
15. Successful leaders walk with _____.
- Integrity is being true to your convictions.
 - Integrity is when your mouth and your heart agree.
 - Integrity is honesty and transparency before God and others.
16. Successful leaders lead by _____.
- Successful leaders do not drive followers but lead followers by example.
 - Successful leaders train others by walking with them in the learning process.
 - Successful leaders never ask others to do what they are not willing to do themselves.
17. Successful leaders are _____.
- Like a team, success comes when everyone is allowed to do their part successfully.
 - Team players are committed to the success of the team above their own success and fame.
 - Team players are more interested in results than in who gets the credit.
18. Successful leaders make _____ their greatest asset.
- Successful leaders genuinely love people, not just crowds.
 - Like a good coach, successful leaders know that the success of the team depends on their ability to bring out the best in each player.
 - Success is evaluated by the ability to develop successful people.
 - Success is evaluated by the ability to mine and develop the resources of God buried in the lives of others.
19. Successful leaders develop godly _____ in themselves and in those they lead.
- Character is what you are in the dark.
 - Character is the "fruit" of the moral seeds sown in life.
 - Godly character is the key to longevity as a leader.
20. Successful leaders maintain a _____ attitude.
- Attitude determines _____.
 - A bad attitude destroys _____ in followers.
21. Successful leaders are _____.
- It does not take a leader to see the problem, but it does take a leader to find the solution.
22. Successful leaders are _____.
- Anyone can spread strife and division. It takes a leader to reconcile, restore, and unify people.
23. Successful leaders are _____.
- Successful leaders do what others are not willing to do.
 - Successful leaders demand more of themselves than of others.
 - Successful leaders go beyond the call of duty.
 - Successful leaders pay the price for success.

24. Successful leaders are _____.
- Successful leaders do not allow the weakness of the flesh to disqualify them from the race.
 - Like successful athletes, successful leaders learn how to discipline their bodies and minds for optimum performance.
 - Successful leaders develop healthy habits.
25. Successful leaders set _____.
- Priorities keep the main thing the main thing.
 - Priorities keep good things from taking place of the best things.
 - Everything is important, but only a few things are necessary.
 - Leaders do what is necessary.
26. Successful leaders _____ to succeed.
- Successful leaders set goals for success based on their direction from God.
 - Successful leaders are willing to set goals that will take the help of God to achieve.
 - Successful leaders press toward their goals.
27. Successful leaders lead with a spirit of _____.
- Excellence is doing the best with what you have been given.
28. Successful leaders learn from their _____.
- Successful leaders are willing to admit when they are wrong and to learn from their mistakes.
29. Successful leaders are willing to _____ when necessary.
30. Successful leaders always bring about _____ change.
31. Successful leaders _____ to the challenge.
- They turn tombstones into steppingstones.
 - They view impossibilities as God's opportunities.
 - They choose to believe God rather than the circumstances.
 - They show courage amid uncertain times.
 - They will stand alone when necessary for what is right.
32. Successful leaders choose their _____ wisely.
- Successful leaders focus on the important battles and do not get distracted with little skirmishes.
 - Successful leaders fight to take mountains not molehills.
33. Successful leaders handle _____ in meekness.
- Successful people do not lead based on the approval of man but on the approval of God.
 - Leaders who live for the approval of men will die by their criticism.
 - Successful leaders welcome the honest criticism of others and are willing to change if necessary.
 - Successful leaders do not waste time defending themselves before rebels and critics.
 - Successful leaders do not retaliate. They humble themselves and allow God to defend them.
 - Successful leaders refuse to get bitter knowing that every adversity prepares them to be a better leader for Jesus' sake.
 - Successful leaders bless their enemies and continue to obey God.
 - Meekness is strength under control.
34. Successful leaders _____ others to believe God.
- Successful leaders inspire courage in others.
35. Successful leaders turn followers into _____.
- Successful leaders are not insecure about investing in leaders who may outshine them. (Saul and David)
 - Successful leaders will be remembered by the leaders they train and release.
 - Success without a successor is failure.