



Everyone is intended to lead. It truly isn't a matter of 'if' but 'when' and 'where' you'll lead. Not everyone will be in front of massive crowds or in high-profile places. You could be with a small group or even one person. It might be at your work, in your home, in the community, in church or with some friends. Age, education, gender, background - none of these stop us from God's plan for us to lead in some form or fashion.

In light of this truth, we should all want to know how to be better leaders. We definitely have a part to play and effort to give to do this well, but as we look again to the life of David, in addition to discovering some great lessons, we will find an important key to being good leaders that may surprise you.

GODLY LEADERS:

1. Operate with respect - v23

- This includes those with whom we disagree
- This also includes having sincere concern for people

2. Point people in the right direction - v23

- Toward each other
- Toward God
- Not toward him/herself

3. Care for the least - v24

- Leading means leading everyone - including the weak
- David knew what it was like to be looked down on

4. Keep the long-term in sight - v25

- Respond, don't react
- Look to God first



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5. Preserve other relationships - v26

- Don't get consumed by your own world
- Take action to preserve relationships and encourage others

How did he do it?

1. David saw the Lord as his primary example
2. In difficult times, he turned to the Lord - v6
3. He sought the Lord's direction before he acted - v8

How do we do it?

1. Trust God to do His work and have a posture of surrender
2. Listen to the Lord and to other trusted Christians
3. When opportunities come, step out

CONCLUSION:

The qualities of David's leadership we've considered today are valuable to us, but they didn't come from him determining to be a leader and then pursuing it. It came from him diligently following the Lord and allowing God to shape and mold him into a leader. He didn't resist the work God was doing in His life. He welcomed God's guidance, encouragement and correction. Let's follow David's example by following God wholeheartedly and allowing Him to shape and mold us, knowing that as He does His great work in us, He is preparing us to lead others for His glory.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

In your small group take 5-10 minutes to review the main points of Pastor Marc's message. Discuss the following questions, taking your time as the Spirit leads, realizing you don't have to cover them all.

1. Review the five main points. Which of them challenges you the most?
2. What limitations have caused you to think you couldn't be a leader?
3. How quickly do you turn to the Lord in difficult moments for Him to strengthen you?
4. Has the Lord provided some good mentors in your life? If so, which of their leadership qualities stand out to you the most?

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