

The Call to Lead **Pastor Ken Claytor**

1 Peter 4:10 NIV

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I. Introduction

- a. Everyone has a call from God to lead the way to him.
- b. The call to Christ is a call to leadership.
- c. A call to leadership does not necessarily mean a call to work full time for a church ministry.
 - i. A call to leadership also does not mean a call to have a title as a leader or CEO.
- d. Being a leader simply means being a person of influence.
 - i. We are all called to be an example to the world and to influence the world.

Mathew 5:13-15 NIV

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

II. Salt and Light

- a. Salt and light are attributes of leaders.
- b. We are salt and light.
 - i. Salt brings flavor where there is dullness.
 1. Salt is also known as a preserver.
 - ii. Light brings light where there is darkness.

2 Corinthians 6:17a NIV

¹⁷ Therefore,
"Come out from them
and be separate,
says the Lord.

III. Being Separate

- a. Being separate from the world does not mean to disconnect ourselves from the world.
- b. Being separate means that we should not allow the ways of the world to influence us to behave different than how God has instructed us.
- c. Instead, we should be the ones that influence the world to behave differently.

IV. Biblical Leaders

- a. Daniel was a great leader because he was willing to live a holy life regardless of the pressure to do otherwise by others and stressful circumstances.
- b. David was a great leader who exemplified leadership qualities such as honor, worship, integrity of heart and skillfulness of hand.
- c. Jesus was the greatest leader because:
 - i. He never led by controlling others.
 - ii. He formed strong relationships with those he led.
 - iii. He could properly discern the best roles for his followers.
 - iv. He gave his disciples safe places to learn from their mistakes.
 - v. He never took offenses personally.

V. Qualities of Great Leaders

- a. Posses a spirit of excellence.
 - i. Excellent people pay attention to the detail and do the best work even when no one is watching them.
- b. Able to work through difficult situations.
 - i. Leadership isn't easy. It's about leading through chaos and confusion.
 - ii. Great leaders are able to navigate problems, handle difficult personalities and move through challenges.
- c. Great followers
 - i. Great leaders start out as great followers, even after long periods of time, promotion and success.
 - ii. Everyone needs mentorship, regardless of their place and station.
- d. Fully surrendered
 - i. The church consists of the following:
 - 1. The lost
 - 2. New believers
 - 3. Growing believers
 - 4. Fully surrendered
 - ii. All healthy churches have a balanced amount of each category of church goers.
 - iii. The fully surrendered freely give their time, talent and treasure in service to God.
 - 1. The fully surrendered give up their plans for God's plan.
- e. Servant Leaders
 - i. Servant leaders are willing to get out of their comfort zones and serve the people of their city.

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