



SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING





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c. The motive of a business is *profit*, where the motive of a church is to glorify God and edify the saints for the work of the ministry

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C. We must emphasize *sound doctrine* so that believers know what they believe and why.

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b. Changing methods to reach our culture does not necessarily mean we are ***compromising*** truth

E. We must be ***distinctly different from the world*** .

-John 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you



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