

God's Leadership DNA

Study Handout | Leadership Requires a Little More

Opening Scripture

Matthew 16:18 - Jesus said, "I will build my church."

Jesus builds His church. Our calling is to build people.

The question is not, "Can I carry the whole church?" The question is, "Am I willing to carry my part with faithfulness?"

Big Idea: *A liter is just a little more than a quart. A leader is often someone who has decided, "I will give a little more."*

The Illustration

- 1 quart = 1.0 qt
- 1 liter = 1.05669 qt
- Difference = +0.05669 qt
- A liter is only +5.67% more.

Leadership is usually not a gallon more, a bucket more, or an ocean more. It is a little more - done consistently, humbly, and faithfully.

1. Leadership Requires a Little More

Church leadership is not limited to department directors. If you serve anywhere in the church, your role carries influence.

And influence requires responsibility.

A little more may look like:

- A little more prayer.
- A little more consistency.
- A little more preparation.
- A little more communication.
- A little more ownership.
- A little more patience, sacrifice, and love.

Sometimes a little more does not look dramatic. It may not get applause. But over time, a little more separates someone who attends church from someone who leads in church.

***Leadership is not just being present in the room.
Leadership is carrying responsibility for the room.***

2. Leadership Is a Weight

Luke 12:48 says, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."

Many people want influence, but fewer people want burden. In the church, leadership is not about being seen. It is about being trusted.

Jesus defined greatness by service, not status. Mark 10:43-45 teaches that whoever wants to be great must become a servant.

Leadership DNA Statement:

Leaders do not ask, "What do I prefer?" first. Leaders ask, "What does this moment require?"

Consumer vs. Leader

- A consumer asks, "Did this serve me?"
- A leader asks, "How can I serve this?"
- A consumer notices problems and complains.
- A leader notices problems and carries a towel.
- A consumer waits to be asked.
- A leader sees what is needed and steps in.

3. Faithfulness Is Gold

1 Corinthians 4:2 says, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

Paul does not say a steward must be famous, impressive, or charismatic. He says faithful.

Faithfulness is underrated because it is not flashy. But in the Kingdom, faithfulness is gold.

Leadership is built in repeated yeses:

- Yes, I will be early.
- Yes, I will pray.
- Yes, I will follow up.
- Yes, I will forgive.
- Yes, I will communicate.
- Yes, I will serve with the right spirit.

That little more becomes spiritual muscle.

4. The Spirit of the Second Mile

Matthew 5:41 says, "Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain."

The first mile may be required. The second mile reveals the heart.

Anybody can do what is required and still resent it. Kingdom leaders carry a different spirit.

The second mile looks like:

- Staying kind when you are misunderstood.
- Preparing when you could wing it.
- Making the phone call instead of assuming they are fine.
- Cleaning up a mess you did not make.
- Refusing to pass offense down to the people you lead.
- Serving people who may never know what it cost you.

If you only do what is required, you may complete the assignment. But a true leader carries the heart of the Kingdom.

5. More Emotional Maturity

Church leadership will expose what is still unformed in us. People will misunderstand you. People will disappoint you. People may cancel last minute. People may criticize what they do not understand.

Leadership does not mean becoming emotionless. It means becoming governed.

Proverbs 16:32 says that the one who is slow to anger is better than the mighty.

Leadership DNA Statement:

A leader's spirit sets the ceiling for the room.

Ask yourself:

- . Do I react quickly, or do I pause and pray?
- . Do I carry offense, or do I process it maturely?
- . Do I make the room anxious, or do I help make it steady?
- . Do I bring faith into the atmosphere?

6. More Sacrifice

John 10:11 says, "The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

Leadership will cost time, convenience, comfort, emotional energy, and sometimes personal plans. But when sacrifice is done correctly, it does not destroy the leader - it deepens the leader.

We are not asking leaders to be martyrs for dysfunction. We are asking leaders to be servants of the mission.

Leadership DNA Statement:

Sacrifice only becomes bitterness when love has leaked out. When love is alive, sacrifice becomes worship.

Why do we serve?

- Because souls matter.
- Because the church matters.
- Because the next generation matters.
- Because discipleship matters.
- Because eternity is real.
- Because Jesus gave everything for us.

Personal Application

Every leader should identify one specific area where God is asking for a little more.

Not everything at once. Not vague guilt. One clear step.

My little more might be:

- I will pray over my team every week.
- I will arrive 15 minutes earlier.
- I will stop complaining and start bringing solutions.
- I will follow up with people who miss.
- I will communicate better.
- I will prepare before I serve.
- I will forgive and release offense.
- I will encourage someone every time I serve.
- I will take ownership of the atmosphere I help create.

My next faithful step:

Group Discussion Questions

- Where do you currently serve, and what responsibility does that role carry?
- What is one area where you have been giving attendance but not ownership?
- Which is harder for you: consistency, communication, preparation, sacrifice, or emotional maturity?
- What does the second mile look like in your ministry right now?
- How does your spirit affect the people you serve with?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to give a little more?

Closing Prayer Focus:

Lord, form in us the spirit of faithful servants. Teach us to carry responsibility without pride, sacrifice without bitterness, and influence with humility. Help us give a little more because Your Kingdom is worth it.

The next level of leadership is usually found in a faithful step of obedience. A little more.