



Teaching Notes

On Church Leadership

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Teaching Notes are Bible studies we taught before GraceLife Ministries began publishing articles online in 1995. Some were presented as sermons, others as group studies.

Our hope is that these older studies will be a blessing to you in your life and ministry. Please use them in any way God leads you.

These teaching notes are from a study about leadership in the Church.

[These notes are from a study taught more than 40 years ago. The notes are in outline form.]

Questions For Church Leadership

I. Has God called you to lead?

James 3:1 – “My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.”

II. Who has He called you to lead?

God’s people

III. Are you leading them?

Self evaluation

Power For Leadership

Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

I. Fellowship through the Word

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Psalm 119:97

II. Fellowship through prayer

The lives of biblical characters and Christ.

James 5:16

III. Fellowship through obedience

Luke 6:46-49

Living For Leadership

I. Purity

Daniel 1:8 – “But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.”

2 Timothy 2:19-21

1 Thessalonians 4:3

Questions to ask yourself:

1. Is it helpful? 1 Thessalonians 5:23
2. Does it get me in its power? 1 Corinthians 6:12
3. Will it cause others to stumble? 1 Corinthians 8:12-13
4. Does it glorify God? 1 Corinthians 10:31

II. Humility

1 Peter 5:5-6

Micah 6:8

III. Faith

Hebrews 11:6

Attitudes for Leadership

A. Servant's Heart: (Leading by Serving)

Mark 10:45

Luke 22:27

Mathew 23:11-12

B. A Sensitive Spirit: (Leading by Sensing)

1 Kings 3:9-10 (Prayer for Discernment)

Excellence for Leadership

God is working in our lives to bring about a spirit of excellence – Romans 8:29

He does this:

By helping us realize our own weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Through the prayers of others (Colossians 4:12)

Through suffering (1 Peter 5:10)

Initiative for Leadership

Isaiah 6:8: 1. Service, 2. Reconciliation, 3. Seeking God

Creativity for Leadership

Romans 8:29

Colossians 1:16

Hebrews 1:2

(We have been created in His image)

Attributes for Leadership

A. Wholeheartedness

Colossians 3:23

2 Chronicles 31:21

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Titus 2:14

B. Singlemindedness

Philippians 3:13-14

Luke 9:51

Joshua 1:7

C. A Fighting Spirit

2 Timothy 4:7

(Being a godly leader is a battle which must be fought on every front – the home, work, in the marketplace, and in the Church)

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