

Developing as a Spiritual Leader

Discipleship is a Relationship

1. With God
2. With Family
3. With the Church
4. With the Lost

Suggested Memory Verse

Psalm 63:1
Proverbs 29:18

Purpose: To define what a spiritual leader is and does

1. According to Romans 8:29 and Colossians 1:28, what is God's perfect will for our lives?

2. God wants us to grow in the faith. Read Hebrews 6:1. Are you pressing on? Think about your growth in the Lord this last year. Explain one area that you have really matured in.

3. Today a tremendous need exists for spiritual leaders in the Church. Never should we be satisfied with spiritual mediocrity. We must strive to be the people God wants us to be. Spiritual leaders have special qualities about them. From the verses below, list these special qualities.
 - A. Psalm 63:1

 - B. 1 Corinthians 15:58

 - C. Colossians 3:14

 - D. Proverbs 20:6

 - E. Ephesians 5:16

 - F. Ecclesiastes 9:10

 - G. Proverbs 29:18

 - H. Colossians 3:16

4. Can you list any other qualities which are important for a spiritual leader?

5. Very significant in this issue of leadership is the style of a spiritual leader. It is our natural stance to be in the spotlight and let others do the work. But when we look at Jesus, we see He took on the form of a servant and humbled himself (Philippians 2:5-11). In Christ's body, how do servant-hood and leadership go together? Can you be a good leader without being a good servant?

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6. In Matthew 20:25-28, what did Jesus say about servant-hood?

7. A good leader has right priorities. How are you on your priorities? Number the things below in order of their importance to you.

- _____ Job
- _____ Children
- _____ Marriage partner
- _____ Witness to the world
- _____ Church
- _____ Leisure time/recreation
- _____ God
- _____ Other

If you marked "other," what does this represent?

8. Below are some things to think about concerning leadership. Before each statement, there is a space for you to rate yourself: 1-Poor; 2-Fair; 3-Good. Discuss this with your discipleship partner. Be open and honest.

- A. ____ A good leader is self-disciplined and self-controlled.
- B. ____ A good leader is visionary. He sees things that other people do not see.
- C. ____ A good leader sets goals to make these visions become a reality.
- D. ____ A good leader will stand for God when no one else will.
- E. ____ A good leader has convictions based on the Word of God.
- F. ____ A good leader has his family in order.
- G. ____ A good leader has a balanced Christian life. He is a prayer warrior, a Bible student, a witness for Christ, and is involved in Christian fellowship.
- H. ____ A good leader knows his strengths and weaknesses. He doesn't try to present himself as one without weaknesses.

9. Spiritual leadership is exercised only by Holy Spirit-filled people. All the leaders of the first century Church were filled with the Spirit. (Acts 4:8; 6:3; 7:55; 8:29; 9:17; 11:24; 13:9). When we are filled with the Spirit, then the character of Christ is being formed in us. Therefore, we can make decisions, direct people, and perform according to what is pleasing to Him. Have you surrendered completely to Jesus and denied yourself so that His Holy Spirit can fill you?

10. God wants you as a spiritual leader. Look back over this lesson and pray to God concerning its many points.



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