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SESSION 5

- **THE ART OF SELF LEADERSHIP**
- **FIVE LEVELS OF MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT**
- **SIX CHARACTERISTICS OF THOSE THAT FINISH WELL**

1) EFFECTIVE LEADERS LEARN HOW TO LEAD IN ALL DIRECTIONS:

- North: Those over you.
- South: Those under your care.
- East and West: Those in peer relationships with you.

However, the most important person any leader needs to lead successfully is himself!

Dee Hock, Leadership Mentor, made this statement about self-leadership:

“It is management of self that should occupy _____ percent of our time and the best of our ability. And when we do that the ethical, moral, and spiritual elements of management are inescapable” *Courageous Leadership* page 183

Daniel Goleman wrote a book titled; “Emotional Intelligence”

Since the release of that book, Goleman has spent much of his time analyzing why a small percentage of leaders develop to their fullest potential while most leaders hit a plateau far beneath what one might expect from them. His conclusion? The difference has to do with self-leadership. He calls it “_____ self-control.”

According to Goleman, this form of self-control is exhibited by leaders when they persevere in leadership despite overwhelming opposition or discouragement; when they refuse to give up during times of crisis; when they manage to hold ego at bay; and when they stay focused on their mission rather than being distracted by other peoples agendas. *Courageous Leadership* page 184

2) JESUS LIVED THE ART OF SELF-LEADERSHIP

- a) His wilderness experience taught Him self-leadership!
- b) He was sensitive to be led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness.
- c) His relationship with the _____ was tested.
- d) He overcame every temptation by yielding to the Holy Spirit and speaking the Word of God against attacks on every level of His being; flesh, soul and spirit.

e) The result was _____ spiritual power to serve people.

Luke 4:14-15 “Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.”

In other words, Jesus ministry took off and made a powerful impact on all that heard him!

3) JESUS KEY TO PERFECTING SELF-LEADERSHIP

Mark 1:35-39 Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He _____. And Simon and those *who were* with Him searched for Him. When they found Him, they said to Him, “Everyone is looking for You.” But He said to them, “Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this _____ I have come forth.” And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

Notice the results of the quality time in solitude with His Father through prayer:

- Spiritual renewal
- Detachment from the plans of men
- Clear focus of His life to preach the good news
- Energy and spiritual dominion over all the works of Satan

4) JESUS TAUGHT THE SAME KIND OF SELF-DENIAL TO HIS FOLLOWERS

Ref; Luke 9:23 Self Denial and Acts 6:4 Prioritize Prayer before your Ministry of the Word.

5) PAUL INSTRUCTED TIMOTHY TO PRACTICE THE ART OF SELF-LEADERSHIP IN HIS MINISTRY. FIVE VERSES FROM 1 TIMOTHY 4:12-16 OUTLINE THE BASICS OF SELF-LEADERSHIP:

- a) **Lead by moral example:** ¹²Let no one despise or think less of you because of your youth, but be an example (pattern) for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.
- b) **Lead by private study and public proclamation to apply the Word of God:** ¹³Till I come, devote yourself to [public and private] reading, to exhortation (preaching and personal appeals), and to teaching and instilling doctrine.
- c) **Lead by staying true to your calling and gifts of the Holy Spirit:** ¹⁴Do not neglect the gift which is in you, [that special inward endowment] which was directly imparted to you [by the Holy Spirit] by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you [at your ordination]. ¹⁵Practice and _____ and meditate upon these duties;

throw yourself wholly into them [as your ministry], so that your progress may be _____ to everybody.

d) Lead by constantly integrating your life with your teaching to live a transformed life to assure your own salvation and powerfully influence others: ¹⁶ Look well to yourself [to your own personality] and to [your] teaching; persevere in these things [hold to them], for by so doing you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

6) FIVE LEVELS OF MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

LEVEL 0	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5
FALSE BELIEVER	TRUE BELIEVER	DISCIPLE	WORKER	ASSOCIATE LEADER	SENIOR LEADER
Matthew 7 Matthew 13	John 3:3-6 2 Cor 5:17	Matt 28:18-20 Luke 6:40 Luke 9:23	Luke 10:1-2 Eph. 4:11-16	Joshua Elisha Timothy The Twelve Apostles	Jesus Moses Elijah Paul Peter
Religious but not saved, not really born again in Christ.	Have responded to the revealing and convicting work of the Holy Spirit and received as Jesus Lord of their lives in true repentance and faith.	Hungry for more of God and wants to grow spiritually.	Every Believer is called to be a worker for God	Serves under a leader in church.	Develops as a Senior Leader in an org. capacity like:
No true repentance.	Born again and set free from sin.	Attending Church and making new Christian friends.	Gets connected to a service group in the local church.	Takes on more responsibility either assisting a leader or leading a group.	Senior Pastor of a local church
Bound in sin.		Reading the Word of God for themselves.	Serves as a greeter, usher, children, youth worker, choir, music, administration, outreach worker, etc...	Able to lead groups of people in some kind of ministry.	Leader of a Para-church Ministry
		Learning how to pray and hear God.	Discovers and begins to use spiritual gifts	Released to lead own ministry in the local church.	Christian Non-Profit Org
		Giving financially to the local church		Possibly creates new ministry because of vision.	Missionary
					Evangelist

Question: Can you identify where you are at in your ministry development?

7) SIX CHARACTERISTICS OF THOSE THAT FINISH WELL

Characteristic 1 They maintain a personal vibrant _____ with God right up to the end.

Example : Daniel is the classic O.T. leader who exemplifies this. In the N.T., Peter, Paul and John all demonstrate this. See their last writings—the tone, the touch with God, the revelation from God, their trust in enabling grace for their lives.

Characteristic 2 They maintain a _____ posture and can learn from various kinds of sources—life especially.

This characteristic is also one of the enhancement factors for finishing well. Example : Daniel is the classic O.T. leader who exemplifies this. See Daniel chapter nine for a late in life illustration of one who continues to study and learn from the Scriptures. Paul and Peter are the classic N.T. leaders with a learning posture (see 2Pe 3:18 and 2Ti 4:13).

Characteristic 3 They manifest Christ-likeness in _____ as evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit in their lives.

Characteristic 4 Truth is lived out in their lives so that convictions and promises of God are seen to be _____.

Example: Joshua's statement about God's promises never having failed him in his closing speech demonstrate this characteristic of someone believing God and staking his life on God's truth (Jos 23:14). See the many aside truth statements that Paul weaves into his two letters to Timothy. See his famous stirring convictions echoed in Ac 27:22-25.

Characteristic 5 They leave behind one or more _____ contributions.

Examples:

- Bill Bright established Campus Crusade for Christ – now CREW
- Gordon Lindsay established Christ for the Nations Institute
- Kenneth E. Hagin established Rhema Bible Training Center

Make a Commitment to Finish your Life and Ministry Well

John 17:4 I have _____ You on the earth. I have _____ the work which You have given Me to do.

Answers

Page 1 – 50, Emotional, Father

Page 2 – Increased, Prayed, Purpose, Cultivate

Page 3 – Evident

Page 4 – Relationship, Learning, Character, Fulfilled, Ultimate, Glorified, Finished