

Reading: 2 Corinthians 10:1-8

Topic: Earning Trust With People
That You Will Lead

INTRODUCTION: When God gives one the responsibility of _____ with and leading others, it is a serious position to be _____ in and must not be taken lightly.

I. TRUST MUST BE EARNED:

A. It Takes Time:

1. Most people do not automatically trust a _____ but they will observe the conduct and attitude of the individual for a period of _____ before they will fully commit to following. Jn. 1:43-46
2. As a leader, one cannot demand respect and _____, but both of those things must be earned by patience and understanding with the individuals that God has placed in your _____. 2 Tim. 2:24

B. It Takes Spiritual Sensitivity:

1. When working with people in spiritual matters, it is important to be spiritually sensitive to the _____ and spiritual conditions of the individuals that God has _____ you to lead. Mk. 6:34
2. One cannot be spiritually sensitive if one is not _____, and one can only be _____ by maintaining a daily walk in the _____ through daily prayer and the Word of God. Eph. 6:18

II. ATTITUDES MUST BE RIGHT:

A. Humility:

1. One thing that Jesus taught consistently to His disciples was the spiritual principle of being _____. If one desired to be a _____ in His kingdom. Mt. 20:25-28
2. Unfortunately, many potential leaders have failed, not due to the lack of _____ but because they became filled with _____ and power hunger, and it ended up being their downfall. Pr. 16:18
3. The Word of God clearly defined the right _____ that God requires of any leader that He calls and chooses to do spiritual _____ with people. Micah 6:8

B. Confident But Not Cocky:

1. A leader needs to display confidence, not insecurity when gaining the _____ of the people who are in his/her care, but that confidence needs to be based upon a reliance upon the _____ of God.
2. Being confident does not mean being cocky, which is a show-off attitude, but it is a calm and _____ assurance that comes from knowing that God has _____ us the responsibility of leading and caring for people that He has saved, in order to deepen their walk with God. 1 Pt. 5:2

III. CONTINUALLY BE LEARNING:

A. Being A Teachable Teacher:

1. People will tend to _____ a leader who does not pretend to know it all, but they will be very wary of someone who acts like they know everything and has all of the _____. Col. 2:18
2. Every leader needs to keep on learning and gaining both knowledge and _____ through the process of personal reading and _____ as well as observing and listening to those who have had a lifetime of experience themselves.

3. When one stops learning, one stops _____, and there no place in our walk with God where we can say that we have _____, until we get to Heaven. Phil. 3:12-14

B. Share Your Knowledge:

1. God does not want us to acquire knowledge just to _____ it to ourselves, but to share what we have learned with those He has placed in our _____.
2. When knowledge is shared with others, they in turn can pass it on to _____ in their circle of acquaintances, so that the sphere of our influence is _____. 2 Tim. 2:1,2

IV. VALUE THE PEOPLE:

A. Most Valuable Resource:

1. It is important to realize that people, though they are _____ and have problems, are the most valuable resource in the _____ of God, and He has put them in your care.
2. If a leader will value the people that God gives him/her to _____ with, trust will be earned, but if one treats people like merchandise to just be used for personal gain, respect and _____ will be lost and leadership will be ineffective. 3 Jn. 1:9,10

B. The Key To Growth:

1. The key to growth and advancement in the _____ of God is the development and discipling of the people that God places in the care of _____ and godly leaders. Acts 20:28
2. When people are valued, they will develop a _____ for those who are leading them, and they will be willing to follow and _____, and then contribute to the cause themselves.

V. COURAGE TO DO THE RIGHT THING:

A. Please God:

1. Doing what is _____ in the sight of the Lord is the most important thing, and sometimes that may not please everyone that you are leading, but please God _____ and let the results happen.
2. When people _____ out that the leader does not compromise on righteous principles, and that she or he will be an individual of principles, they will usually put their _____ in that leader. Ph. 3:17

B. Do Not Waiver:

1. Pressure will sometimes be put on a leader to change direction, but if there is no _____ from God to do so, the leader must remain _____ in their resolve to do the will of God. I Cor. 11:1
2. Again, once _____ understand that a leader is pleasing God for their good and their protection, it develops trust knowing that concern for their eternal _____ is the most important thing. Heb. 13:17

CONCLUSION: As a leader, put your _____ in God to lead you and direct you to be the kind of leader that people will have confidence and _____ in because you care for their souls.