

Leadership 101



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A textbook example of the need for good, godly leadership.

1. A family reunion enjoyed. (1-12, 27)
2. A leadership problem exposed. (13-18)

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1. Some personal qualities.
 - a. Fear God. (21, 23)
 - b. Able. (21)
 - c. Truthful. (21)
 - d. Hate dishonest gain. (21)
 - e. Respectful and humble. (7, 12, 23-24)
 - f. Take interest in and praise God for what He is doing in others. (1, 9-12)
2. Some leadership qualities.
 - a. Called by God. (3:10; 18:25)
 - b. Focus on gifts, abilities and role. (16, 19-22)
 - c. Teach and develop other leaders. (20, 25)
 - d. Share leadership in an organized team. (19-26)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Leadership in its most basic sense is *leading people*—being a person, doing something which others follow. Even if you do not see yourself as a leader, there are some who follow what you say and do. Identify some of the people who follow you, and then the various ways in which you lead. Throughout the week think about both the fact of you leading others and the quality of your leadership.

Tuesday. Good, Godly leadership is built on a foundation of personal qualities. The six qualities we noted on Sunday are not an exhaustive list, but each one is important. Review each of them and apply them to yourself. Then think of people you know who clearly display these qualities. Thank God for them and their examples. Use these qualities and their examples to encourage yourself as you guide others.

Wednesday. The lists of leadership qualities are many and lengthy. Focus on the four we looked at on Sunday. Evaluate yourself in terms of each of these, not just with respect to leadership but all of your life. These are four key characteristics of people who effectively live for and serve God. Spot areas where you need to grow, and work on them.

Thursday. Read 18:1-27. Review your thoughts about and actions of leadership over the last few days. Thank God for the good, Godly leaders who have been and are in your life. Just as all of us lead others in some ways, we all also are followers in many ways. Are you a good follower?

Friday/Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at 19:1-25. Read this section in preparation for our time together.