

Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-6, 24-26

Topic: Characteristics Needed
To Be Effective Leaders

INTRODUCTION: Everyone who is involved in _____ is a leader in some respect, which means that people are looking to you and will follow your _____, so it is important to work on and develop qualities that will make us more effective leaders.

I. INTEGRITY:

A. Definition:

1. The definition of integrity is, "The quality of being _____ and having strong moral principles" which is a quality that is unfortunately disappearing from our modern day society. Rom. 12:17
2. Another definition of integrity is, "moral uprightness."

B. Essential:

1. In order for a leader to be most effective, there must be integrity in his or her _____, otherwise the credibility of the leadership will be questionable. Prov. 25:26
2. Being a person of integrity will not always make you _____ with some people, but it will make you _____ by many others.

II. TRANSPARENCY:

A. Being Real:

1. Some people when they become a leader or a _____ of some kind will put on airs and walk around pretending to be Mr. or Mrs. _____, looking down their nose at others. Lk. 18:11,12
2. An effective minister or _____ will not try to pretend to be something that they are not, but instead will be real and truthful about who and _____ they are. Acts 10:25,26

B. Humanness:

1. All of us are still _____ and we all are subject to temptations, to making mistakes and failures so we need to recognize how weak that we are _____ the help of God. Jn. 15:5
2. The Apostle Paul was a great minister and _____ because he was transparent and down to earth with people, not trying to show that he was some _____ and mighty individual. Rom. 7:21-24

III. DEVELOPERS OF OTHERS

A. Not A One Man Show:

1. Unfortunately there are some leaders who want to keep other people _____ so that they will be the only _____ in charge.
2. An effective leader is one who is not _____ to help develop the gifts and talents of others and is not threatened by the _____ and success of the people. Titus 1:4,5

B. A Compliment:

1. It is actually a compliment to any minister or _____ to develop the people that are in his/her care and to see them advance, _____ and assume responsibilities in the work of God. I Tim. 1:2; 6:20
2. Jesus, the greatest _____ spent His entire ministry of 3 ½ years to develop the _____ leaders who were to become the foundation for His church on earth.

IV. HUMILITY:

A. The Quality of Jesus:

1. The quality that will emulate the character of Christ in any minister or _____ is the virtue of humility which is the opposite of _____. Phil. 2:5-8
2. All of us have the human ego which seeks to be recognized and admired, but through our _____ and devotion to Jesus we recognize that it is not us, but _____ alone who does the work. Phil. 2:12,13

B. Draws People:

1. In the world, popularity and prestige is the _____ goal for people and carnal people are drawn to those human traits but it is not that way in the kingdom of _____. Mt. 20:25-28
2. People who are hungry for God and people who are looking for a _____ spiritual leader are drawn to someone who has a _____ spirit and attitude, and one who cares for them.

V. PERSEVERANCE:

A. Tough Times:

1. No matter what _____ or leadership role that one is involved in, there are going to be some difficult times along the way.
2. During the tough times for any minister or _____, there is always the temptation to take the easy way out and _____ and walk away. 2 Tim. 4:10

B. Never Give Up:

1. Everyone has heard of the great leadership of Winston Churchill who withstood the _____ of the Nazis when other nations had surrendered – His words were “We will _____ surrender.”
2. The quality of perseverance is what every _____ and minister must have in order to overcome the opposition and _____ that will be faced along the way. Mt. 24:13

CONCLUSION: No one should ever be done _____ until they are dead, so as long as we have life and breath from God, may we desire to develop the characteristics needed to be the _____ and most effective workers for Jesus.