

Reading: Proverbs 4:1-9

Topic: Developing Attributes That Make Strong Leaders #2

INTRODUCTION: In the first part of this study, we affirmed that every _____ will eventually become a leader of someone else, and in order to be an effective leader, we must develop _____ attributes to assist us in our responsibility of leading others.

I. INTEGRITY:

A. What Is Integrity:

1. The dictionary defines integrity as “the quality of being _____ and having strong moral principles” or “strict adherence to a strong code of _____ values.”
2. Unfortunately, integrity is one quality that is sadly _____ in today’s modern society, where lying and deception are regularly used by leaders, politicians and many _____ people.

B. Develops Trust:

1. People want to follow someone that they can _____, not someone who says one thing and then does something _____ themselves. I Cor. 11:1
2. When people develop trust in the leader they are following, they will be willing to _____ and then to _____ what they are being led to do. Ph. 3:17,18
3. Integrity is part of the Christian _____ that develops in us after we are born again and allow the Spirit of God to _____ in our hearts and lives. Col. 3:9,10

II. WISDOM:

A. The Most Needed Thing:

1. There is an old saying that states, “knowledge is silver but wisdom is _____” and this is evident in life where there are many people with college _____ and lots of knowledge but they have no wisdom to go with it. Prov. 4:4-7
2. Knowledge has increased over the centuries and today what one needs to know is often _____ easily by using technology, but what one does with the knowledge is the _____ to success or failure. Prov. 20:5

B. Sources of Wisdom:

1. People are not born _____ but wisdom can be acquired from several sources:
 - a. God – the Word of God declares that we can _____ for wisdom and get it from God. James 1:5
 - b. The Word of God – The Bible has many _____ of wisdom in its pages – read it daily. Ps. 199:73
 - c. Wise people – elders and others who have had much _____ in life. Jer. 5:5
 - d. Experience – as you have experience in life, you will obtain _____ from lessons learned. Pr. 24:3

C. Example:

1. When Solomon became the king in Israel, he was a _____ man and when the Lord appeared to him to ask what he would like to have, Solomon asked God for _____ and understanding. I Ki. 3:5-12
2. The _____ of Solomon was so profound that it became a saying and made him world famous for a number of years. I Ki. 4:34

III. PERSEVERANCE:

A. The Enduring Quality:

1. The definition of perseverance is "Persistence in _____ something despite difficulty or delay in achieving the _____."
2. Another definition describes perseverance as "continued effort to _____ or achieve something despite difficulties, failure or opposition."

B. Good Leaders Keep Going:

1. The difference between just an average _____ and a good or great one is not just the ability of the individual, but the _____ of perseverance. Mt. 10:22
2. Average people tend to give up when things get _____ and when there is a lot of opposition, but strong leaders _____ that if they keep going, there will be a reward at the end. I Cor. 9:24

C. The Example:

1. The Apostle Paul was a strong _____ in the New Testament early church, and what made him so effective was the quality of perseverance – he never _____ when things got difficult. 2 Cor. 11:24-28
2. Paul wrote from experience and encouraged others in that time to develop strength and _____ in their place in the _____ of God. Eph. 6:13, 2 Tim. 2:3

CONCLUSION: Through time and experience, good _____ will develop quality attributes that will assist them in their _____ of leading those that have been put in their care.