

Lesson 3: The Essential Ingredient of Spiritual Leadership

I. The Essential Ingredient: _____
1 Timothy 3:1-7

“Character is what a man is in the dark. Live your life above reproach so that your integrity will illuminate the darkness.” D.L. Moody

“If faith does not make a man honest, it is not an honest faith.” C H Spurgeon

“Lead your life so you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.” Will Rogers

II. Character Trait 1: _____
1 Peter 5:5; Luke 18:9-14

The best biblical definition of humility is 2 Corinthians 3:5: “Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God.”

“Success leads to the greatest failure, which is pride. Failure leads to the greatest success, which is humility and learning.” David Brooks

Someone has said. “God would rather us walk with an occasional limp than a continual strut.”

III. Character Trait 2: _____
Psalm 26:1-2; Psalm 139:23-24

WYSIWYG stands for _____

IV. Character Trait 3: _____
Joshua 1:1-9

Success or failure in a mission is tied to your relationship to God's truth.

1. _____ the Word (“do not let it depart from your mouth”).

2. _____ upon the Word (“you shall meditate on it day and night”).

The reason you can share the word with your wife, your child, your neighbor, your classmate is because you have it stored up within you. It is the background noise of your life. When the trials come you can just turn up the volume.

3. _____ the Word (“do all that is written in it”).

“The desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do” Galatians 5:17.

“Choose this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” Matthew 7:13-14

The easy choice is seldom the right choice.

V. Homework:

1. Choose a Bible reading plan and follow it each day.
2. Memorize the Cornerstone weekly Bible verse (listed in the sermon outline each week).
This week’s verse:

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

3. Married Men: Pray with your wife three times this week.

Single Men: Pray three times this week for the following:

1. To find your greatest joy in God.
2. To be the spiritual leader God wants you to be.
3. To influence others to know and worship God.

4. Evaluate your character. Is there some way you are compromising? What will you do to lead the way in humility, integrity and courage? Will you pay the price of integrity and build trust in your most important relationships?