

Lesson 6
The Most Appreciable Asset of Spiritual Leadership: People

I. Do I see leadership as a way to _____ others?

“For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake.” 2 Corinthians 4:5

1 Peter 5:1-4

Jesus called the disciples to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:25-28

John 15:13-15

II. Am I a good _____?

1. Do I allow the speaker to finish without interrupting?
2. Do I _____ what the person just said to clarify the meaning?
3. Do I avoid getting hostile and/or agitated when I disagree with the speaker?
4. Do I focus on the speaker, maintain eye contact, and make an effort to show my interest in what the other person is saying?
5. Do I ask questions to learn more about the other person?

III. Am I _____ and _____ people, or am I discouraging them and using them?

Encouragement literally means “the act of giving someone courage, confidence, hope.”

Acts 4:36-37

IV. Do I care enough about people to confront them?

1. Do it privately, not publicly.
2. Do it _____ as possible.

3. Speak the truth in love.
4. Attack the _____ not the person.
5. Speak to one issue at a time. Don’t overload the person with a long list of issues.
6. Avoid words like _____ and _____.
7. Don’t forget the compliments. Use the “sandwich” approach:
Compliment-Confront-Compliment.

Difference between a natural leader and spiritual leadership:

Natural Leader

Self-confident
 Makes own decisions
 Ambitious
 Proud
 Enjoys commanding others
 Seeks recognition and personal reward
 Independent

Spiritual Leader

Confident in God
 Seeks God’s will, listens to others counsel
 Motivated
 Humble
 Delights in obeying God and serving others
 Gives glory to God and gratitude to others
 Dependent on God

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:

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

Hebrews 11:1

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 people skills. Ask those around you: Am I an encourager? What are ways I can encourage you? Am I thankful? How do I express my gratitude for others?

IV. Lesson 6: Discussion Questions

1. How have you done on your homework? Reading? Scripture memory? Prayer (with wife)?
2. If you were granted a wish and could instantly and permanently acquire one leadership quality, which would you select?
3. How are your listening skills? Would your spouse, child, coworkers say you are a good listener?
4. Which comes easier for you, to encourage and thank others or to be cynical and complain? How can we change?
5. Why is confronting others an act of loving leadership? How can you improve in this area?
6. In light of what you learned from this lesson, what can we pray for you regarding your spiritual leadership?