

LEADERSHIP

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EPISODE 2: "LEADERSHIP OF SELF"

MINI-SERIES: LEADING THE HOMEFRONT – PART 1

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In this first episode of this mini-series, we want to focus on the importance of every leader in the church, or those who desire to be leaders in the church, to learn the value of leading ourselves better. What does that mean? We want to establish that the leadership of self is a biblical precedent:

- ⇒ **Philippians 3:12-15** – "Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you."

- ⇒ **Acts 20:28** – "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood."

In both of these passages, the Apostle Paul is talking to the believers and those with a responsibility to lead in the church, and he's identifying the need to grow. The need to "pay careful attention to yourself..."

Question 1: Why do you believe that there is such an emphasis in Scripture on the need for personal growth, or spiritual development?

⇒ *If you're not growing, you're dying.*

Question 2: What are some of the greatest impediments to someone who does not lead themselves well?

⇒ *The inability to lead yourself will weaken your credibility.*

⇒ ***Focus on being credible, not incredible.*** *The problem is that we have too many incredible people and not enough credible people. The root word of credible is "credit." Credit is powerful. It's about trust. But it must be earned through how you manage your own affairs. Otherwise, it doesn't matter how impressive or charismatic you are, people won't trust you to lead them.*

Question 3: How does leading yourself well affect how you lead in your home well? How you lead in your church well?

⇒ *Two things to consider:*

⇒ *1) You set the tone. Your family/church will never go further than you.*

⇒ *2) Remember the law of sowing and reaping. You can teach what you know, but you can only reproduce you are. Eventually, your home or church will start looking like you (your traits, priorities, and habits).*

Question 4: What is the greatest leadership lesson that you have learned in your life that you would want to share with a younger leader?

⇒ ***Stay true to who you are and your calling.*** *Don't try to be somebody else. You are unique. Your calling is unique. You can have role models, but don't try to be anybody else but you.*

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LIFE APPLICATION WORKSHEET

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The following six principles are practical tools that you can **immediately** implement into your life to lead yourself better:

1. Look in the _____.

⇒ Examine yourself often. Be honest and realistic. Invite Holy Ghost to scan your heart. "Search me O God and know my heart. Try me and know my anxieties and see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting." Character matters.

2. Find _____.

⇒ Many times, we make mistakes on our journey and we allow our mistakes to hold us back. We dwell on them and beat ourselves up. If you make a mistake, ask Christ for His forgiveness, and then forgive yourself (exercise grace) and keep moving forward.

3. Be a good _____.

⇒ What's your attitude towards leadership in your life? You can't grow in leadership until you grow in followership. Joshua followed, before he led.

4. Be _____.

⇒ "Change is inevitable, growth is optional." – John Maxwell. You have to be willing to acknowledge the your areas of weakness and you must be willing to be corrected; to be instructed by someone wiser than you.

5. Be _____.

⇒ Leaders are impatient people. We are always looking and thinking ahead—which is good. Trouble comes when we get ahead of ourselves or God. Trust the process. Respect the journey. Shortcuts are costly. There's no such thing as instant growth or maturity.

6. Be _____.

⇒ Become an intentional person. The difference between a successful and unsuccessful person is intentionality. You must be intentional about your development and growth.

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