



Course Name: Qualities of Spiritual Leaders Part 1

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Course description:

This course takes our first look at qualities demonstrated by spiritual leaders. The Bible provides a foundation to understand the qualities needed by spiritual leaders in God's church. This course also focuses on how each person can strengthen and develop these qualities in their own leadership.

Course Objectives: By the end of this class students will have...

- A. Described a minimum of five qualities that leaders possess.
- B. Examined biblical passages to support additional qualities of great leaders.

Outline of the class:

- A. Divide the class into groups of 4 to 6 and ask each group to make their own list of at least five qualities great biblical leaders commonly possess. Give about 10 minutes to complete the activity.
- B. Once they complete the activity, ask each group to share one of the qualities they chose and how they see this quality connected to leadership today. Continue to go around the room until everyone has shared each of the qualities on their list. Make sure to write the responses on the whiteboard and ask them to connect any biblical passages that support the qualities listed.
- C. Consider the following qualities and discuss the passages that relate to each of these qualities. Ask the entire group to describe what this means for leaders today. If one or more of these were discussed previously, move on to the next one in the list below.
 - 1. They know God and His will: John 17:3; 2 Peter 3:18; Philippians 3:4-11
 - 2. God's kingdom is a priority: Matthew 6:33
 - 3. They have a mindset focused on the spiritual (heavenly, mind of Christ): Philippians 2:5-8; Colossians 3:1-3
 - 4. They think on the right things: Proverbs 23:7; Philippians 4:8
 - 5. They are active, not passive: James 1:22; 2 Timothy 2:4

Conclusion:

- A. The qualities needed for spiritual leaders must come from direction we find in scripture. These qualities begin with the areas we have discussed today.
- B. Give each group an opportunity to write out a way we can develop one of the qualities on their list and encourage everyone to focus on that quality this week.
- C. Next week, we will continue to look at additional qualities of spiritual leaders.