



Course Name: Leadership Principles: Relationships Part 1

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Course description:

This course focuses on the principle of relationships. When talking about leadership, we must deal with relationships. This is the first of two lessons that examine the principle of relationships. These lessons take a scriptural look at relationships and discuss how leaders can improve in the area of relationship development.

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

- A. Examined six biblical contexts of relationships.
- B. Discussed how each of these six areas relate to leadership in the home, world, and church.

Outline of the class:

- A. Divide the class into groups of three or four people. If there are six groups, give each group a specific area. Provide the following passages to each area and ask the groups to spend about 10 minutes to list out how the text describes the relationships involved.
 - 1. Family: Ephesians 5:22 – 6:4 and 1 Peter 3:1-7
 - 2. Work: Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:22 - 4:1; and 1 Peter 3:18-20
 - 3. World: Colossians 4:5-6; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; 1 Peter 1:13-19; 2:12
 - 4. Government: Romans 13:1-7
 - 5. Church: Romans 12:10; John 13:34-35; Galatians 5:13; Ephesians 4:32
 - 6. God: Matthew 22:37-38; John 14:15
- B. After each group has completed the task, ask each group to share what they learned about relationships from these passages and in their specific area. Make a list of the answers provided in each category above on the whiteboard.
- C. When everyone has shared, ask the following questions for discussion:
 - 1. What do we learn from these passages about relationships in general?
 - 2. What common areas do we find in each of these categories as they relate to leadership today?
 - 3. How can we describe the ways God wants us to lead in each of these areas?
 - 4. Why do we find that leaders arise in one or two of these areas but are unwilling to lead in others?

- D. Print and hand out the “one another” passage list located at the end of this lesson.
1. Several of these were discussed earlier by one of the groups in the discussion about relationships within the church.
 2. Think about this list for a moment and consider how each of these relate to leadership in every area of the home, world, and church.
 3. Then, discuss which ones describe the three areas below. Ask students to go down the list of passages and say which one fits the areas below. Make a list on the whiteboard under each area.
 - a. Incorporates our words
 - b. Invokes action
 - c. Involves our attitude

Conclusion:

- A. Relationships are critical to the success of leadership. Leaders must learn how to grow in the area of relationship development.
- B. Understanding what the Bible teaches about relationships will help leaders in all areas of life: home, world, and church. If we take time to examine these areas and discuss how we can incorporate them in our lives, we are taking steps to becoming better leaders.
- C. Next week, we will look at the second lesson connected to leaders and relationships.

Recommending Reading:

Arbinger Institute. *Leadership and Self-Deception*

Arbinger Institute. *Anatomy of Peace*

Arbinger Institute. *The Outward Mindset*

Maxwell, John. *21 Indispensable Qualities of Leaders*

One-Another Passages from the New Testament

Be devoted to one another: Ro. 12:10
Give preference to one another: Ro. 12:10
Be of the same mind toward one another: Ro. 12:16
Love one another: Ro. 13:8 (1 Th. 3:12; 4:9; 1 Pt. 1:22; 4:8; 1 Jn. 3:11,23; 4:7, 11-12; 2 Jn. 5)
Let us not judge one another: Ro. 14:13
Build up one another: Ro. 14:19 (1 Th. 5:11)
Accept one another: Ro. 15:7
Admonish one another: Ro. 15:14 (Co. 3:16)
Greet one another: Ro. 16:16
Wait on one another: 1 Co. 11:33
Have the same care for one another: 1 Co. 12:25
Serve one another: Ga. 5:13 (1 Pt. 4:10; Jn. 13:34-35)
Show forbearance to one another: Ep. 4:2
Be kind to one another: Ep. 4:32
Speak to one another: Ep. 5:19
Do not lie to one another: Co. 3:9
Bear with one another: Co. 3:13
Comfort one another: 1 Th. 4:18
Encourage one another: 1 Th. 5:11 (He. 3:13; 10:25)
Live in peace with one another: 1 Th. 5:13
Consider how to stimulate one another: He. 10:24
Do not speak against one another: Ja. 4:11
Do not complain against one another: Ja. 5:9
Confess your sins to one another: Ja. 5:16
Pray for one another: Ja. 5:16