

# Lesson One

## WHAT IS SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP?

Define the following terms:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – one who personally meets the needs of others.  
\*The person who works well with people.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ – one who administrates the ministries of others.  
\*The person who helps others work better.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ – one who influences the ministers and managers.  
\*The person who develops better people to work.

The purpose of this class is not to teach you how to minister, but to be a better  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Leadership is** \_\_\_\_\_.

Everything rises and falls on leadership.

“Nothing happens until someone begins to lead.”

Your ministry and sphere of influence will never grow beyond your ability to \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus spent the maximum amount of His time with those who could bear the greatest responsibility of the ministry – \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Day Moses Became a Leader

Taken from a study by Dr. John Maxwell

### Exodus 18:17-27

When **ministers** decide to be **leaders**, they cross an important line. They are no longer judged only by what they can do themselves. Their value now depends mainly on what they can get done **through** others.

It started with change: (vs 17-19, 24)

Exodus 18:17

*Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good."*

Exodus 18:18

*"You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone."*

Exodus 18:19

*"Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God..."*

Exodus 18:24

*So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said.*

1. Moses changed his way of \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. Moses changed his way of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Moses made seven major changes to become a leader:**

1. He became a man of prayer.

Exodus 18:19

*"Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God..."*

2. He committed himself to communication.

Exodus 18:20

*"...and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do."*

Why is this hard?

3. He laid out the vision.

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**4. He developed a plan.**

Exodus 18:20

*"...and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do."*

**5. He selected and trained leaders.**

Exodus 18:21

*"Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens."*

**6. He released them to do lay ministry.**

Exodus 18:22

*"And let them judge the people at all times....but any small matter they shall decide themselves."*

**7. He only did what they could not do.**

Exodus 18:22

*"Every great matter they shall bring to you..."*

Ephesians 4:11, 12

*<sup>11</sup> And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds<sup>[a]</sup> and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ..."*

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

## The Value of a Leader

1. A leader casts the \_\_\_\_\_ for the organization.

CrossLife's Vision Statement

*"To share the gospel of Jesus wherever we live, work, play and go so the sun will not set on the ministry of CrossLife Church."*

2. A leader \_\_\_\_\_ the vision to the people.

3. A leader will engineer \_\_\_\_\_.

4. A leader will \_\_\_\_\_ other leaders.

5. A leader will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

6. A leader will bring to bear the necessary \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A leader will add \_\_\_\_\_ to the lives of people.
8. A leader will establish a healthy growth \_\_\_\_\_ – spiritual and numerical.
9. A leader will be several steps ahead of the \_\_\_\_\_—but not too far.
10. A leader embraces the \_\_\_\_\_ of leadership.

**I Peter 5:2,3**

*"Shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God: and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; not yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock."*

**Four Risks people take in following me:**

1. That I know where I am going – Vision
2. Should you go with me? – Unity
3. Will I succeed - do I have the ability? – Competence
4. Will I do to them what other leaders have done?

## Characteristics of a Good Leader

1. A leader needs to be a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A leader needs to have a consistent \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
3. A leader needs to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

*"If you stop learning, you cease to be a leader." R. Warren*

4. A leader needs to be an \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A leader needs to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 20:25-28

*"But Jesus called them 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 so 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."*

6. A leader must \_\_\_\_\_.

7. A leader must \_\_\_\_\_ others for ministry and leadership.

### **The Making of a Leader**

1. Understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of leadership.

2. Make a commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ to lead.

Being a leader will cost you

- a. Time – different timetable
- b. Changes
- c. Misunderstandings
- d. Friends



3. Start to \_\_\_\_\_ someone.

*"If a person will spend one hour a day on the same subject for five years, that person will become an expert on that subject."* Earl Nightingale

*"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."* Ralph Waldo Emerson

4. Add \_\_\_\_\_ to people's lives.