

THE TOUGHEST CHALLENGES OF A LEADER

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Romans 12:4-5

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Introduction: Challenges every leader faces:

1. Leaders must make _____ others do not make.
2. Leaders must make _____ others can avoid.
3. Leaders must give _____ others do not have to give.
4. Leaders must invest in _____ others can choose to ignore.

I. **Biblical leadership isn't about _____ being _____.**

- A. Jesus was honest about what _____ for Him would _____
- B. Jesus' call to leadership requires a greater _____ and a higher _____. (Matt. 10:5-24)

II. **There are lessons to be learned about leading when _____.**

- A. Understand that you cannot help _____
 1. In leadership there are _____ you want to _____ that you can't.
 2. Everyone who _____ for help does not necessarily want _____
 3. At times the _____ of help people want will _____ them in the long run.

Lesson: Don't let those you can't _____ stop you from _____ those you can.

- B. Leadership requires that you lead even when you have _____
 1. People _____ you even when you are _____
 2. You must _____ your _____ when you are not at your _____
 3. _____ days must not become _____ ministry.

Lesson #1 Remember when _____ feel like _____ can't do it, _____ still can.

Lesson#2 God uses _____, but He is not _____ on. _____

- C. People you pour your _____ into will at times be the least _____
 1. People's reactions can cause you to grow _____ and _____
 2. If you will _____ where you do not _____, there will be a time when you will _____ where you do not _____

Lesson: Your _____ is to be based on your _____ for Jesus, not the people's love for you.

- D. You may experience _____ because those around you lack _____
1. Others don't _____ as much as you do.
 2. Others don't _____ as much as you.
 3. Others don't _____ as much as you.

Lesson: *Don't allow your _____ to become _____ to others.*

- E. Prepare to face the unanticipated _____
1. In ministry you don't get to _____ - -
 2. Ministers aren't remembered for the _____, but for how they _____ in crisis.

Lesson: *If you're not _____, you'll be _____.*

- F. There will be continual _____ and _____ demands-on you.
1. Ministry requires you to give your most valuable _____, your _____
 2. Interacting with people is _____

Lesson #1: *Daily _____ in ministry is not an _____, **it's a** _____.* (2 Cor. 4:16)

Lesson#2: *Use your _____ wisely.* (Isa 55:1-2)

- G. Understand the unrealistic _____ people may have of you as a leader.
1. There will be _____ expectations.
 2. There will be _____ expectations.
 3. There will be _____ expectations.

Lesson: *You must decide your _____ and, _____ or someone else will* (Matt. 6:33)

- H. There will be personal _____ you can't respond to.
1. You can't wage a war of _____.
 2. You can't tell everything you _____
 3. You can't react to everything you _____

Lesson: *Leaders must be able to " _____ " things off;* (Matt. 10:1 4)

- I. Leading creates _____
1. _____ - Leaders see things before others see them.
 2. _____ - Leaders feel things before others feel them.
 3. _____ - Leaders do things before others do them.
 4. _____ People you've counted on don't come through.

Lesson: *You must recognize the _____ of God's presence.*