

Burden of the Leader

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Why do I call this lesson, the burden of the leader?

- It is because it is about how the leader is always looking for people with certain qualities to be the next generation of leaders who will carry the word of God to the next generation of believers.
- Many become Christians and are on their way to heaven, but not all are called to lead others. There are believers who then become disciples who eventually become leaders.



Matthew 7:14 Because narrow is the gate and constricted is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. (MKJV)

- Not all will be saved only a few will find salvation, but if there is no one to tell them about Jesus even they could be lost. Everyone that believes and call on Jesus will be saved.

Romans 10:13

For everyone, "whoever shall call on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without preaching? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!"



Out of all that are saved only a few
will hear and obey the call of
leadership.

*Matthew 20:16 So the last shall
be first, and the first last, for
many are called, **but few are
chosen.** (MKJV)*



The Leader of God's people has a burden that not many can see

- *Exodus 18:17 And Moses' father-in-law said to him, The thing that you do is not good. 18 You will surely wear away, both you and this people that is with you. For this thing is **too heavy for you; you are not able to perform it alone.** 19 Listen now to my voice; **I will give you counsel, and God will be with you.** You be for the people toward God, that you may bring the causes to God. 20 And you shall teach them ordinances and laws, and shall make them know the way in which they must walk, and the work that they must do.*

Fundamentals of a good leader in God



How to select the leader

- *Exodus 18:21 And you shall look out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating unjust gain. And place such over them to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. (MKJV)*

Look for

- A man able to deal with people
 - Such as fear God
 - Men of truth
 - Hating unjust gain
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- **Hebrews 3:5** And Moses truly *was* faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken afterward.
- **Heb 3:6** But Christ *was faithful* as a Son over his own house; whose house we are, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.



Matthew 25:20 And so he who had **received five talents** came and brought another five talents, saying, Lord, you delivered **five talents** to me. Behold, I have gained five talents above them. 21 His lord said to him, *Well done*, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things; I will *make you ruler* over many things. **Enter into the joy of your lord.**



Matthew 25:20 22 He also who had **received two talents** came and said, Lord, you **delivered two talents** to me. Behold, I have gained two other talents above them. 23 His lord said to him, *Well done*, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful over a few things, I will *make you ruler* over many things. **Enter into the joy of your lord.**



- Mat 25:24 And he who had **received the one talent** came and said, Lord, I knew that you were a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter.
- 25 And I was **afraid** and went and hid your talent in the earth. Lo, you have yours.
- 26 His lord answered and said to him, **Evil and slothful servant!** You knew that I reaped where I did not sow, and gathered where I did not scatter,
- 27 then you should have put my money to the exchangers, and coming I would have received my own with interest.



Faithfulness

Why is faithfulness so important?

An interesting question,
because it is in this area that
most people and churches stop
going forward in the realm of
great success.



Five Keys to success.

Understanding
God's
Culture



Faithfulness can be divided into **five** parts.

I must say that I have worked with many people in Business, Teaching and Christian worlds. I look for these qualities in a person, so that I can invest as much time and energy as possible into them. Then they can move into their full potential.



Christian Foundation or Belief Structure

James 5: 12 My friends, above all else, don't take an oath. You must not swear by heaven or by earth or by anything else. "Yes" or "No" is all you need to say. If you say anything more, you will be condemned. (CEV)

Single minded.



1 of 5 - Punctuality

Keeping to arranged times.

Delivering at the arranged time.

Keeping appointed times.

*** She is punctual at starting
the meeting.*

Be early to be on Time.

2 of 5 - Reliability

Dependability

Able to be trusted to do what is expected or has been promised.

Is the quality of service good to the people .

***She is extremely reliable
and a hard worker.*

Be extremely **R**eliable.

3 of 5 - Perseverance

Determined continuation
with something.

Steady and continued action or
belief, usually over a long
period and especially despite
difficulties or setbacks.

** He will stay until the job is finished.

Never give Up.



4 of 5 - Responsibility

Provide an answer.

Reply to something or to something, in spoken or written words.

**He always gives a report to his boss and keeps his fellow worker informed therefore he is trustworthy. You know the job will get done.

Answer all questions

Be a good **S**ervant .

5 of 5 - Accountability

Being responsible to somebody else or to others.

Taking responsibility for something that may go wrong.

***She does not act on her own but is answerable to her leaders.*

A commitment to the saint^Ts

Be early to be on **T**ime.

Be extremely **R**eliable.

Never give **U**p.

Be a good **S**ervant.

Keep the sain**T**s happy.



TRUST

Trust is earned by attention
to details.

Nothing is too small
when doing business.



■ Five Keys to success

➤ *Punctuality*

➤ *Reliability*

➤ *Perseverance*

➤ *Responsibility*

➤ *Accountability*



But it is crucial that we must try to discipline ourselves in these five areas to have nothing standing in the way of being a good leader.



A Good leader in God has

- A great God to call on
- Knows the hand of God
- Knowledge of problems but see the solution
- Knowledge of the cost to serve
- Died and dying to self
- Has resurrection power in their blood
- Energy more than normal

- Vision wider than most
- Deep resolve
- Determination
- Decisive nature
- Able to survive under extreme conditions
- The ability to draw others to them
- The ability to train people who will also train others to be leaders.
- A desire to release other leaders



- A desire to promote others
- A desire to feed the sheep
- A desire to study for the purpose of feeding the sheep
- A desire to pray to find the will of God
- A vision that will live on after they are gone
- A vision that brings life
- A God given purpose
- A leader will listen to counsel/ follow instructions



Reward is that you will find a life that is full

- *Matthew 10:39 He who finds his life shall lose it. And he who loses his life for My sake shall find it. (MKJV)*
- *Proverbs 20:6 Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, but a faithful man who can find? 7 The just walks in his integrity; his sons are blessed after him. (MKJV)*



2 Timothy 1:11 to which I am appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher of the nations.

- Conformity to the ways of the world is not the answer to find a life that is fulfilling for a Christian. To be radical is to stand out from the crowd and proclaim Jesus and care for others eternal salvation.
- **The burden of the leader is a joy as you see young men and women grow in the Lord to the place of leadership.**