

**Leadership Class Syllabus – Teacher Material-Verses-
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Leadership Class Lesson #1

Introduction to Leadership

1. Everything **rises** and falls on **leadership**.
2. All **leadership** is **earned** from **God** and from the people we are leading.
3. The biggest **mistake** men make is to assume that they have **leadership** because of **position** or title.
4. The key to **leadership** is **authority**. There is no leadership without **authority**.
5. Authority is **sovereignty**. It is an extension of God's **power**. God loves to give His **sovereignty** to men who have earned it.
6. Sovereignty is the **power** to **control** or influence the environment around us. It is being a **thermostat** instead of a **thermometer**.
7. **Everything rises** and **falls** on leadership.

8. **Good** families are a result of **good** spiritual leadership.

Good churches are a result of **good** spiritual leadership.

Good ministries are a result of **good** spiritual leadership.

9. God will not use an **unqualified** leader even if he has the position and there is a great **need**.

10. The responsibility of every man is to **learn** the **qualifications** God has set to be given His authority, and then **meet** them.

11. JBC will be holy, healthy and growing on the basis of the size of the **foundation** made up of **qualified leaders**.

12. The first requirement to be given God's **authority** is **faithfulness**.

13. **Faithfulness** is making a **commitment** and keeping it. Faithfulness is being a **promise** keeper.

14. **Earned** leadership is never **static**. It can be **lost** much faster than it took to earn it. Faithful leaders have established a large **equity** of trust.

15. A faithful leader is one who lives his life on the basis of **convictions** and **commitments**, not on the basis of **circumstances** and **convenience**.

16. A leader's **convictions** and **commitments** cause him to live his life in a **disciplined** way that gives **security** to those who are following him.

Killers of Faithfulness

1. One of the things that tend to weaken our faithfulness is to be **undisciplined** in those areas of our life that seem **unimportant** and **small**.

Luke 16:10 - "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much."

2. Another tendency is to be **undisciplined** in areas of our life that no one else **sees** or knows about.
3. When our **convictions** or **commitments** are not made seriously and remade regularly our faithfulness weakens.
4. The failure to **set** personal **goals** contributes to being unfaithful.
5. The reluctance that comes from pride to be accountable to others in a formal way and becoming **defensive** or **denying** when we are held accountable are sure signs of unfaithfulness.
6. A natural result of becoming **weary** and **discouraged** in well-doing when **tough** times come is a lack of faithfulness. Faithful leaders are faithful because they have learned to manage **pressure**.

**Galatians 6:9 - And let us not lose heart in doing good,
for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow
weary.**

7. A major killer of faithfulness is no **fear** of God.

Leadership Class Lesson #2

Individual Goals

1. A goal is **not** a goal if it is **not written down**.
2. A **written down** goal demonstrates **commitment**.
3. A **written down** goal can be **reviewed** often.
4. A goal that is **reviewed** at least **weekly** is 10,000 times more likely to be **accomplished**.
5. A **written down** goal can be shared with a **friend** to hold you **accountable**.
6. Goals that we are lovingly but **firmly** held **accountable** to will move us to great **accomplishments**.
7. A good goal is always **measurable**.
8. The more **measurable** a goal is the more **motivational** it will be.
9. A good goal is **achievable**.

10. **Unrealistic** goals **de-motivate** us and tend to make us goal-**shy**.

11. A good goal is **challenging**.

12. A **challenging** goal moves us **gently** but firmly out of our **comfort zone** to great growth and accomplishment.

13. A purpose of goals is to apply gentle **pressure** to ourselves.

14. Men **function** best under **pressure**.

15. A good goal is **noble**.

16. A **noble** goal moves us to **Christ - likeness** and **pleases** God.

17. **Success** is accomplishing the goals that **God** has led us to set for His **glory** and our growth.

18. A good goal is **flexible**. It is not the rewriting of the **“Ten Commandments.”**

19. Our **flesh** always **rebels** against **law**.

20. A good goal is an **expression** of the **desires** of our **heart**.

Leadership Class Lesson #3

Goals

1. God is a **covenant** making God.
2. God **plans** the future.
3. We are **teleological** beings.
4. Everything we do without exception is in **pursuit** of a **goal**.
5. The problem in our life is often that we haven't **identified** the goals we are pursuing, **others** set them for us, and they **change** all the time.
6. God holds each of us **responsible** as stewards, and we must be **faithful** and **self-controlled**. **Goal setting** is a key.
7. Goal setting is functioning as we were **designed** to function **best**, because of our being **created** in the **image** and **likeness** of God.

8. An objection that is regularly raised by Christians is that goal setting is **worldly**. Goal setting is used by the **world** because they have discovered that it **works**. It is a universal **principle** and **Law** of God that the **world** uses well and the church has **ignored**.

9. The **world** uses goal setting very effectively to make **money**, and the church needs to learn to use the power of goals to make **disciples**.

10. Goal setting is premeditated **decision - making**.

11. A second objection to goal setting is that it is **fleshly** and **quenches** the Holy Spirit's **leading** in our lives. The fact is that those who work at sensing the Spirit's **prompting** before the **pressure** of the decision-making time, are much more apt to be in the **will** of God than those who wait to decide, often **impulsively**.

12. Individually, we need to set goals for our **lives**.

Corporately, as a church we need to set goals for our

ministries. In this way the Holy Spirit can much more effectively move through the hearts and minds of each one to **direct** before we **act**.

13. Why do we think it is more spiritual to be controlled by the Spirit **while** we **act**, than to have our hearts, minds, and wills led by the Spirit **before** we **act**?

14. “Goal setting is an attempt to **uncover** God’s **strategy** and **will**, and become part of it.” Ed Dayton

15. “Goals are an **offering** before the Lord. It is our way of saying, ‘Lord, this is what we **believe** you want us to do, and this is what we **intend** to do. If you would like to direct us in another **path**, we are open to your **leading**. Meanwhile we move ahead in **faith**.” Ted Engstrom

16. Goal setting is attempting to use and be a good **steward** of the **sovereignty** and **authority** God has given

us as a gift in order that we might work with Him in advancing the Kingdom of God.

17. A third objection that is raised against goal setting is that it encourages **independence** from God and **pride** in our accomplishments.

18. If we use goal setting as a wise **steward**, we will be reminded every time we set a goal or work at accomplishing a goal that we do so by the **authority** we have in the name of Jesus, and goal setting will then move us towards **humility** and **thankfulness**.

19. A goal is a statement of **repentance** to change what we are doing based on **conviction**.

20. A goal is a statement of **commitment** to **obey** God.

21. “Everything we say or do is moving toward a goal. As people we are **teleological** beings; that is we are **controlled** by our goals. If we want to **change** what we

are doing, then we must first **change** what we are trying to **accomplish**.” Larry Crabb

22. “The failure to set goals is the main cause of **mediocrity** in the Christian life.” Larry Crabb

23. “**Everything** we do is in response to a **goal** we are trying to accomplish. Each of us goes through life responding to his or her **goals**. We may not call them ‘**goals**’, but that is what they are. How we are living at any moment is determined by the **goal** toward which we are moving. **Everything** we do is motivated by a **goal** we have.” Ted Engstrom

24. “Man is functionally like a bicycle. Unless he is moving **onward** and **upward** towards an objective – a **goal** - he is going to falter and fall. Maxwell Maltz

25. A goal is a statement of **faith** concerning our **belief** of what God wants to do through us in the **future**.

26. A goal is a statement of an **inner desire** or **dream** we have; that we believe has been given to us from God.

27. A **dream** is a **desire** that is felt so strongly that we **think** and **meditate** on it constantly until we **see** it in our **mind** as clearly as if it were reality.

28. A **desire** or **dream** realized is the greatest source of **happiness** in all of life.

29. Those who **dream** the most **do** the most.

30. There are a lot of reasons given, but the real reason most people don't set tangible, measurable goals is because of the **fear** of **failure**, and a fear of the **pain** that **failure** brings.

Leadership Class #4

Accountability

1. All men are born proud and self-sufficient.

Prov 11:2 When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom.

Prov 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.

Prov 18:12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, But humility goes before honor.

Prov 29:23 A man's pride will bring him low, But a humble spirit will obtain honor.

2 Chronicles 32:25 But Hezekiah gave no return for the benefit he received, because his heart was proud; therefore wrath came on him and on Judah and Jerusalem.

Isa 2:12 For the LORD of hosts will have a day of reckoning Against everyone who is proud and lofty, And against everyone who is lifted up, That he may be abased.

1 Corinthians 12:21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

2. God created us with great potential but it will never be achieved apart from the help of other men.

Prov 27:17 Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.

Eccl 4:9-12 Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.

3. We will not finish the race with endurance without a lot of encouragement from other men.

1 Sam 23:16 And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David at Horesh, and encouraged him in God.

Deu 3:28 'But charge Joshua and encourage him and strengthen him; for he shall go across at the head of this people, and he shall give them as an inheritance the land which you will see.'

Heb 10:24-25 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.

Heb 3:12-13 Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God. But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

1 Th 2:11-12 just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

4. We all need to make many important decisions.
The more counsel we get from others the better we
will do in making good decisions.

1 Cor 3:18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man
among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him
become foolish that he may become wise.

Prov 27:9 Oil and perfume make the heart glad, So a
man's counsel is sweet to his friend.

Prov 15:23 A man has joy in an apt answer, And how
delightful is a timely word!

Prov 1:5 A wise man will hear and increase in learning,
And a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel,

Prov 11:14 Where there is no guidance, the people fall,
But in abundance of counselors there is victory.

Prov 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But
a wise man is he who listens to counsel.

Prov 15:22 Without consultation, plans are frustrated,
But with many counselors they succeed.

5. God gives grace. He doesn't give it to us directly but through others. We receive it by being in humble relationships.

1 Pet 5:5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

6. All men are dirty rotten sinners. The more friends that we have who will reprove us the holier we will become.

Psa 141:5 Let the righteous smite me in kindness and reprove me; It is oil upon the head; Do not let my head refuse it.

2 Chr 25:15-16 Then the anger of the LORD burned against Amaziah, and He sent him a prophet who said to him, "Why have you sought the gods of the people who have not delivered their own people from your hand?" And it came about as he was talking with him that the king said to him, "Have we appointed you a royal counselor? Stop! Why should you be struck down?" Then

the prophet stopped and said, "I know that God has planned to destroy you, because you have done this, and have not listened to my counsel."

Prov 5:12-14 And you say, "How I have hated instruction! And my heart spurned reproof! "And I have not listened to the voice of my teachers, Nor inclined my ear to my instructors! "I was almost in utter ruin In the midst of the assembly and congregation."

Prov 12:1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, But he who hates reproof is stupid.

Prov 13:18 Poverty and shame will come to him who neglects discipline, But he who regards reproof will be honored.

7. True **success** in life is **accomplishing** the **goals** that God has given us. We will never accomplish our **goals** without **help** from other men.

8. Faithfully practicing the basic disciplines of the Christian life is the foundation of our relationship with God and our service for Him. We can't be faithful by ourselves.

8. God is pleased when we deliberately choose to seek help from other men because we know that is the way God made life to work best.

10. Encouragement, reproof, counsel, and accountability happens best in established relationships where permission is given.

Leadership Class #5

The Basic Disciplines of the Christian Life

1. The greatest lack in Christians is **faithfully practicing** the **basic disciplines** of the Christian life.
2. The general observable **laws** of **life** illustrate the spiritual **laws** of **God**.
3. A general **law** of **life** is that those who **practice** the most and the best will be the most **successful** in life.
4. Christians who **faithfully practice** the **basic disciplines** of the Christian life will have a real, a good, and growing **relationship** with **God**.
5. God is very **real** and **knowable**. Most Christians don't have a real and personal **relationship** with God. They settle for **religion** that is a **psychologically** powerful placebo.
6. Christians who **faithfully practice** the **basic disciplines** of the Christian life will have a growing **power** to gain

victory over sin, and accomplish great things with their life.

7. Walking in the Spirit, being filled with the Spirit, being spiritual is the result of “the disciplines.”

8. God gives His authority to those who are faithful to the basic disciplines.

9. Joy and peace are qualities that the world is desperately seeking in circumstances, experiences and "stuff" but is only given by God to those who are faithful to the basic disciplines.

10. The relationships that we have in marriage, family and friends are most impacted by our faithfulness to “the disciplines”.

11. The character quality that we acquire as we faithfully practice the basic disciplines of the Christian life will bring God’s blessing in every area of our life.

12. Some day every Believer will stand at the “Judgment Seat of Christ,” and be rewarded for what they have

done with their life. Those who are faithful throughout their life will do very well in the final **accounting**.

13. (a) Bible reading (b) Prayer (c) Gathering (d) Worship

(e) Giving

(f) Seeking Wisdom (g) Self-examination / journaling

Leadership Class #6

Bible Reading

1. God **blesse**s those who **faithfully read** His Word.

Joshua 1:8 - This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth; but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

Revelation 1:3 - Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy; and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

2. Those who faithfully read God's Word will **grow** stronger and **stronger** and more **mature** in their Christian life and walk.

1 Peter 2:2 - Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.

3. Faithfully reading God's Word increases our **desire** and motivation to **pray**, and also our **power** and effectiveness when we do **pray**.

John 15:7 - "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you."

4. Our **fellowship** and genuine **awareness** of the **presence** of Christ will grow as we read His Word daily.

Psalm 119:10 - With all my heart I have sought Thee; do not let me wander from Thy commandments.

5. The **productivity** and **fruitfulness** of our life is very much dependent on our faithfulness in reading the Bible.

Psalm 1:2-3 - But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.

6. **Walking** in the **Spirit**, being **filled** with the **Spirit** is a result of being filled with the “Sword of the **Spirit**”.

Galatians 5:16 - But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Romans 8:4-7 - In order that the requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, Because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so.

Ephesians 5:18 - And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.

Colossians 3:16 - Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in our hearts to God.

7. How much **faith** we have is a direct result of how much of the Bible we have.

Matthew 17:20 - And He said to them, “Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, ‘Move from there to there,’ and it shall move and nothing shall be impossible to you.”

Romans 10:17 - So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

8. Wisdom enters the **heart** of the one who faithfully fills his **mind** with the **wisdom** of God – His Word.

Psalm 119:97-100 - O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day. Thy commandments make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever mine. I have more insight than all my teachers, for Thy testimonies are my

**meditation. I understand more than the aged,
because I have observed Thy precepts.**

9. Those who love God's Word will bear up under
pressure well, be free from **stress**, and have great
peace.

**Psalm 119:165 - Those who love Thy law have great
peace, and nothing causes them to stumble.**

**Galatians 6:9 - And let us not lose heart in doing
good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not
grow weary.**

**Psalm 119:49-50 - Remember the word to Thy
servant, in which Thou hast made me hope. This is
my comfort in my affliction, that Thy word has
revived me.**

10. **Victory** over **sin** is experienced by those who read the Bible faithfully.

Psalm 119:9-11 - How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Thy word.

With all my heart I have sought Thee; do not let me wander from Thy commandments. Thy word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee.

Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

11. **Worldliness** is pushed out of our mind, heart and soul as we read the Bible.

12. **Satan** is real. He wants to **destroy** us. Our main **defense** is the Bible.

1 Timothy 4:1 - But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.

1 Peter 5:8 - Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 John 2:14b - I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

13. Good **discernment** of **truth** and **error** is the result of the Bible in our mind.

Hebrews 5:13-14 - For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Psalm 119:66 - Teach me good discernment and knowledge.

14. True “positive **thinking**” is the result of putting God’s Word into our **mind**.

Philippians 4:8 - Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.

Romans 12:2 - And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

15. True **joy** comes to those who **feed** themselves regularly on the Word of God.

Jeremiah 15:16 - Thy words were found and I ate them, and Thy words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart. For I have been called by Thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

16. Make a **goal** to read the Bible.
17. Use a Bible reading **plan**.
18. Read it **every day**.
19. **Listen** to the Bible to catch up, but be sure to **read** it as well.

Leadership Class #7

Scripture Memory

1. Memorizing and meditating on scripture is one of the most **powerful disciplines** that there is.

Psa 119:15-16 I will meditate on Thy precepts, And regard Thy ways. I shall delight in Thy statutes; I shall not forget Thy word.

Psa 119:48 And I shall lift up my hands to Thy commandments, Which I love; And I will meditate on Thy statutes.

Psa 119:97 O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day.

Psa 1:2-3 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Josh 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is

written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

2. Memorizing the Bible is probably the **hardest** of all the **disciplines** and **least** practiced by **adult** Christian **men**.

3. Memorizing Bible verses and using them to **replace** wrong **thinking** is the most powerful way to **control** your **thoughts**.

Jer 17:10 "I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds.

Rev 2:23 'And I will kill her children with pestilence; and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Jer 4:14 Wash your heart from evil, O Jerusalem, That you may be saved. How long will your wicked thoughts Lodge within you?

Mat 15:19-20 "For out of the heart come evil thoughts....
"These are the things which defile the man.

2 Cor 10:5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

James 1:13-15 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

4. Meditating on memorized Bible verses is the most effective way to conquer tough sin habits in our life.

Psa 119:11 Thy word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against Thee.

Psa 119:133 Establish my footsteps in Thy word, And do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.

Prov 14:29 He who is slow to anger has great understanding, But he who is quick-tempered exalts folly.

Prov 14:17 A quick-tempered man acts foolishly.

Prov 29:22 An angry man stirs up strife, And a hot-tempered man abounds in transgression.

Eccl 7:9 Do not be eager in your heart to be angry, For anger resides in the bosom of fools.

Prov 16:32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.

5. Bible verses that we have memorized well are the most powerful weapons we have to resist the devil.

James 4:7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

1 Pet 5:8-9 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in the faith.

Luke 4:3-4 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.'"

6. Memorizing Bible verses faithfully has a powerful impact on our mind. The mind like any other muscle grows when we exercise it. Our memory, our ability to concentrate, and our ability to think systematically improves dramatically.

Psa 119:97-100 O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day. Thy commandments make me wiser than my enemies, For they are ever mine. I have more insight than all my teachers, For Thy testimonies are my

meditation. I understand more than the aged, Because I have observed Thy precepts.

7. Memorized Bible verses is what the **Holy Spirit** will use to **convict** us of **sin**, to **guide** us into the perfect **will** of God, and to **motivate** us to great **accomplishment**.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Eph 6:17 And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Psa 119:23-24 Even though princes sit and talk against me, Thy servant meditates on Thy statutes. Thy testimonies also are my delight; They are my counselors.

8. **Jesus memorized** scripture.

Mat 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

Mat 4:7 Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'"

9. Memorizing God's Word greatly honors God and demonstrates our love for Him.

Deu 6:5-6 "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. "And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart;

Deu 11:18 "You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.

1 Sam 2:30 but now the LORD declares, ' those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me will be lightly esteemed.

10. **Memorizing** and **meditating** on God's Word gives us great **wisdom**.

Psa 119:97-100 O how I love Thy law! It is my meditation all the day. Thy commandments make me wiser than my enemies, For they are ever mine. I have more insight than all my teachers, For Thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, Because I have observed Thy precepts.

11. **Memorizing** and **meditating** on God's Word **bleses** us with **success** in our endeavors.

Psa 1:2-3 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. And he will be like a

tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

12. Memorizing and meditating on God's Word increases our prayer power.

John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you.

13. Memorizing and meditating on God's Word causes our faith to grow.

Rom 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Mat 17:20 And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain,

'Move from here to there,' and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you.

14. The self-control that is gained from faithfully and systematically memorizing the Bible will benefit us in many ways as we battle the devil, our flesh, and the world.

1 John 2:14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

- Use "Scripture Typer" –

Leadership Class #8

Prayer

1. Of the basic disciplines of the Christian life, **prayer** tends to be the most neglected.
2. The most neglected aspect of **prayer** in the Church today is **volume**.
3. **Much prayer**, much blessing. **Little prayer**, little blessing. **No prayer**, no blessing.
4. There are numerous “**Laws of Life**” in Scripture. A “**Law of Life**” is like **laws** of physics. They are consistent and no respecter of persons.
5. One of the “**Laws of Life**” in Scripture is the “**Law of the Harvest**.” What you **sow** is what you **reap**, and **how much** you sow determines how **much** you **reap**.
6. Of the seven basic disciplines, the only one the Gospels record that Jesus practiced regularly was **prayer**.
7. Of the seven basic disciplines, **prayer** is probably the most **difficult** to maintain with regularity.
8. **Prayer** with God should be at least as important as our **job**.
9. Why do most people maintain **faithfulness** in going to **work**?
10. A **job** has a **starting** time, an **ending** time, and a specific **place** to go.
11. If we neglect our **job** there will be **financial** consequences.
12. Our prayer life needs to be based on a commitment or goal to a **regular place** and **time**.
13. One thing that will add a **job** -like quality to our prayer life is to be committed to a **corporate** prayer **group**.
14. **Corporate prayer** is the emphasis in the New Testament.

15. Synergy is $1 + 1 = 3$.
16. A major goal of God is to produce unity in the “Body”.
17. God has created “Laws of Body Life.”
18. All the “Laws of Body Life” are designed by God to produce unity and interdependence.
19. The Church began with corporate prayer and it grows by corporate prayer.
20. Everyone needs to be committed to a corporate prayer time.
21. A prayer notebook is super important.

Leadership Class #9

Becoming a Cheerful Giver

1. A major key to becoming a cheerful giver is to remind ourselves that God richly blesses us when we give and the more sacrificial our giving the greater the blessing.
2. Giving our money to the Lord's work will cause us to grow closer and closer to the Lord and we will experience His presence in our lives more.
3. Giving sacrificially will inoculate us against worldliness.
4. The money that we give to the Lord is waiting for us in Heaven in the form of Eternal rewards.
5. God uses our giving as a test to see if He can give us greater responsibility in our servicing Him.
6. The spiritual rule of life is, "We can take care of ourselves, and God will let us try, or we can trust God and give and He will take care of us".
7. Faithfully giving to God sacrificially develops in us the character trait of contentment and we become anxiety free.
8. When we are a clean pipe God entrusts us with extra money.
9. A great blessing that comes from God to those who give sacrificially give is joy.
10. Satan is the father of lies. He controls our lives by getting us to believe things that aren't true.
11. Probably the biggest lie that almost everyone believes is that joy comes from money.
12. Joy comes from God.
13. When we give to God He removes the curse and rebukes the devourer.

14. The more you give the more you will see God in creation.
15. Another great blessing is that our character grows as we deny ourselves and give away what our flesh craves.
16. A great blessing that comes from sacrificial giving is good health.

Leadership Class #10

Time Management

1. Most people, if they knew that they only had one month to live would accomplish more in those 30 days than any 30 day period that they had ever lived.
2. Most people, if they knew that they only had one month to live would live those days with a totally different set of priorities than any 30 day period of their life.
3. God wants us to make good use of all of our time even if we have 100 years left to live.
4. Very few things are more effective in time management than good, old fashioned "to do" lists.
5. Writing up a daily "to do" list will help us prioritize the things that we want to accomplish in a day.
6. Writing goals helps us establish the priorities of our life.
7. We need to make sure that we make the faithful accomplishment of the basic disciplines of the Christian life a high priority in our lives.
8. If we don't make these important in our life we won't have the wisdom or the energy to accomplish great things with our life.
9. Another major area of priority is our family. It is almost as easy to lower the priority of our family as it is to lower the priority of spending time with God. We tend to take them both for granted.
10. Those who faithfully make goals and "to do" lists that are an expression of their priorities have a much easier time saying "no".
11. Our daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly goals are supposed to put pressure on us so that we work harder, faster, and smarter.

12. Faithful use of time won't happen without a sense of urgency that creates pressure on us. We always function best under pressure.
13. There are two kinds of pressure. The pressure we put on ourselves and the pressure the world puts on us.
14. The more we make use of goals and "to do" lists, the more we will be in control of what and who puts pressure on us.
15. Out of control living, causes anxiety, guilt, and stress.
16. Nobody will ever be a good steward of their time who does not want, really want, to accomplish more with their life that matters.
17. A key to time management is working faster and harder, as well as smarter.
18. We tend to think that if we are really struggling to get everything done that we must be too busy.
19. We can train ourselves to enjoy being busy.
20. A major principle in the training process is to always rejoice and be thankful for being considered worthy of lots to do for the Lord.
21. A major issue in being a good steward is being motivated by a desire to please the Lord.
22. A key time management issue is always focusing on the end of our life and the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Leadership Class #11

Wisdom

1. When we are wise we will know what to do and say in any and every circumstance or situation.
2. Wisdom will keep us from sin because we will understand the consequences of that sin.
3. Wisdom will bring great confidence, security, peace, and freedom from worry and fear.
4. As we grow in wisdom we will accomplish more and more significant things. We will become successful.
5. Wisdom will bring financial security and prosperity into our life so that we can meet our own needs, help many others in their need, and help the work of God financially.
6. A tremendous sense of joy comes into the heart of the person with wisdom.
7. Those with wisdom become powerful influencers of other people.

How to Become a Wise Person

1. Want wisdom. Want more and more. Never be satisfied.
2. Pay attention. Listen.
3. Don't be a know-it-all.
4. Seek counsel from wise people.
5. Be diligent to get as much instruction and teaching as possible.
6. Learn from failures and problems.
7. Put into practice what you learn.

Leadership Class #12

Gathering

1. Practice is the key to getting good at anything. Practice makes perfect.
2. Faithfully practicing the seven basic disciplines of the Christian Life is the foundation of a Christian who is growing and bearing fruit.
3. The seven basic disciplines are, (a) Bible reading, (b) prayer, (c) giving, (d) self-examination/confession of sin, (e) seeking wisdom, (f) worship, and:
4. The seventh basic discipline of the Christian life that many ignore is "gathering" with your church family.
5. The church is the church when it is gathered together.
6. We receive God's grace from other believers when we are gathered together.
7. God's presence is manifest when we are gathered together.
8. Our Spiritual gifts function when we are gathered together.
9. All the "one-anothering" commands in the New Testament are best accomplished while gathered together with your church family.
10. The most effective gathering is in small, familiar groups.

Leadership Class #13

Confession of Sin

1. Every Christian needs to examine their life and confess their sins every day.

2. We become a Christian by faith, by believing:

that Jesus is God.

that Jesus came into the world as a man.

that Jesus lived a sinless life.

that Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

that Jesus was buried and rose again three days later and is alive today.

In believing we are saved from the penalty of sin which is eternal punishment in hell, to eternal life in heaven.

3. As a Christian headed for heaven forever we still sin, and our sins have significant consequences if not confessed to God.

4. Our unconfessed sins break our fellowship with God.

5. Our unconfessed sins reduce our prayer power with God.

6. Our unconfessed sins bring God's discipline into our lives.

7. Our unconfessed sins cause guilt which takes away our joy and self-worth.

8. Our unconfessed sins take away our energy and health.

9. Faithfully examining our life and confessing our sins will result in growing freedom from the power of sin.

10. Faithfully examining our life and confessing our sins will result in our being used more and more by God to do His work.

11. The most powerful motivation in life is our love for Jesus. Our faithful confession of our sins causes our love for Jesus to grow stronger and stronger.

12. Every Christian will stand before Jesus at the end of their life and give an account of their life. There will be eternal consequences for unconfessed sins.

Leadership Class #14

Worship

1. **Worshiping** and **praising** God is the most often given **commandment** in the Bible. The number of occurrences is as many as the second, third and fourth given commandments put together.
2. **Worshiping** God is what we will do for all **eternity** in **heaven**.
3. **Worshiping** God well is a **discipline** because we easily do it with little **thought** and heart.
4. There is no **discipline** that will help us sense the **presence** of God around us during the day as much as **worship**.
5. **Singing** is the **major** way that God has determined that he will be **worshiped**.
6. **Singing** and **worship** is a fundamental key to being **filled** with the **Spirit**.
7. When we **worship** God well **regularly**, we will have a healthy **soul**.
8. The emphasis in the Bible is **corporate worship**.
9. A key to good **worship** is to **sing loudly**, with all your heart and **strength**.
10. Men generally **worship poorly** because of their **pride**.
11. Memorize **songs**.
12. **Listen** to good, Godly **music**.
13. The more we **sing** the **happier** we will be.

Leadership Class #15

Tough Guys

1. Men are supposed to be tough and act courageous.
2. A major key to being tough is taking our thoughts captive so that we don't fret or worry.
3. The only way to be successful in taking thoughts captive is to memorize scripture and choose to replace wrong thinking with the Word of God.
4. No man can be strong by himself. We all need men friends who will encourage us.
5. We should encourage one another to memorize and meditate on scripture.
6. Tough guys never whine, complain, fuss, grumble, gripe, or worry out loud.
7. You can't control your thoughts if you let your thoughts come out of your mouth.
8. Wouldn't it be nice to have a friend who would say to you, "Quit whining." Give permission and it will happen.
9. Tough guys can take correction and reproof without getting defensive or irritated.
10. Tough guys trust in the Lord.

Managing Pressure

1. Pressure comes from responsibility.
2. As we effectively manage the pressure that is in our life we get stronger.
3. The responsibility that we have and the accomplishments of our life will automatically rise to the level of our ability to manage pressure; our strength level.
4. The problem is that with many, pressure turns into stress which makes us weaker, and then the amount of responsibility we have and the accomplishments of our life will automatically go down.
5. We cannot function beyond our strength level for very long.
6. Stress not only makes us weaker it also makes us miserable.
7. Stress is optional.

Leadership Class #16

Meeting the Needs of Your Wife

1. A major responsibility of a husband is to **work** hard at **meeting** his wife's basic **needs**.
2. A leader who knows the basic **needs** of those they are leading and **works** hard at meeting them, will grow rapidly in **character** and will be **great** in the Kingdom of Heaven.
3. We will never do **better** in **ministry** than we do with our **wife**.
4. The first basic need of our wife is **security**.
5. The Bible commands wives to be **submissive** to their husbands. That position makes them very **vulnerable** to their husband's **behavior**, and they know it.
6. Husbands who are **faithful**, who faithfully practice the basic **disciplines** of the Christian life, who are the spiritual **leader** of their family, who manage their **money** well, will create an environment of **security** in their marriage.
7. A major weakness in men that destroys **security** in their wife is **anger**.
8. The second basic need of our wife is **communication**.
9. The goal is **intimate communication**, not just **chit - chat**.
10. **Quality** time is great, but there is no substitute for **quantity** of time. Our wife **wants** and **needs** our **time**.
11. The third basic need of our wife is **unity**.
12. The best discipline to produce this is **praying together**.

13. The husband needs to be the **peacemaker** if he expects to be the **leader**.
14. The fourth basic need of our wife is **romance**.
15. Saying, “**I love you**” often, will never lose its power.
16. Deeds of **kindness** communicate loudly that we **care**.
17. **Dates** worked early, and they will work late.
18. The fifth basic need is to be **understood**.
19. Husbands should learn their wife’s **temperament**, spiritual **giftedness**, their passions and their weaknesses.
20. The sixth basic need of our wife is to be **honored**.
21. It was intended by God that a married woman gets her **self - worth** from her husband.
22. The timeless way to **honor** anyone is with good **manners**.
23. **Acknowledging** our wife’s **presence** is very important.
24. The seventh basic need of our wife is **significance**.
25. **Praise, praise, praise**, and more **praise**.

Leadership Class #17 Being a Positive Person

1. Learning to be a **positive** person is a major key in being a man of **influence**.
2. Being a **positive** person starts with being a positive **thinker**.
3. **Fretting**, worrying, being **anxious**, feeling sorry for ourselves, being **bitter**, angry thinking, is all negative thinking.
4. We will **act** the way we **think**. It is an irrevocable **Law** of God.
5. Negative thinking is **childish** and **immature**.
6. Negative thinking is very **insulting** to **God**.
7. When we **think** negatively we will **speak** negatively; when we **speak** negatively we **influence** others negatively and we lose **blessing** from God.
8. Work hard at **thanking** God for everything. **Rejoice** always.
9. You will never do better **privately** than you do **corporately**.
10. If you gather together in the name of Jesus and **worship** God with all your **heart** and all your **might** it will tremendously influence your entire **week**.
11. Corporate **worship** is very important to faithfully practice, but we can do a **poor** job and do little **good** for us, and not **glorify** God.
12. Good **preparation** and **anticipation** is a key to good corporate **worship**.

Speaking Positively

1. All that God has **created** He **spoke** into existence.
2. There is tremendous **power** in the **spoken word** to **destroy** and to build up.
3. Exercising **self-control** over what we **speak** out of our **mouth** is very difficult.
4. How well we do in this area will greatly determine how much God will **bless** us and **use** us.
5. If we **grieve** the **Holy Spirit** by our unwholesome **words** we will have a tough time living the Christian life with **power**.
6. We can fulfill the “**great commandment**” very effectively by speaking **positive words** of grace, gentleness, encouragement, praise, etc.
7. Faithfully practicing the Seven Basic Disciplines of the Christian life will help tremendously to grow in this important area of our life:
 - a. **Bible Reading** b. **Prayer** c. **Worship** d. **Gathering together** e. **Giving**
 - f. **Seeking wisdom** g. **Self-examination**

Leadership Class #18

Eternal Rewards

1. There is a judgment coming from God for each one of us on the basis of how we have lived our life.

Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

2. The judgment will result in rewards or consequence which we will take into the Millennial Kingdom.

Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

. . . each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.

3. There is the very real possibility that a Christian could stand before Jesus and have nothing to show for the life that they have lived.

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4. A major part of the Judgment will concern the work we have done for the Lord, our accomplishments.

1 Cor 3:5-15 What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through

5. We are able to accomplish work for the Lord because God supplies opportunities; open doors for us.

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6. We will have success at the work that we attempt to do for the Lord because of the strength, and grace and blessings that He gives.

According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation,

Col 1:28-29 And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ. And for this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

7. We will be unable to **accomplish** anything for the Lord unless we **pro-actively** choose to do **something**.

8. A major aspect of the **work** we do for the Lord will be what we do for His **Bride**, the **Church**.

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9. The major barriers to bearing much fruit for God are **fear** of **failing**, laziness, **lukewarmness**, selfishness and **worldliness**.

10. **Wise** people will always make **decisions** in this life with one **eye** on the Judgment Day.

11. As we **work hard** for the Lord many other **people** will be blessed and be in **eternity** and the Kingdom because of what we have done.

12. If all our work is burned up at the Judgment Day of Christ we will **still** be **saved** and **live** in the New Heaven forever, because we are **saved** by **Faith** alone.

Leadership Class #19

Ministry

1. Biblical heroes and historical heroes are always men with a cause.
2. A great cause challenges a man causing him to grow to be like Christ.
3. God gives His strength to men who are pursuing a cause.
4. God will give the time and resources needed to accomplish great causes.
5. Men who are pursuing a cause are energized, fulfilled, and happy, instead of bored and frustrated.
6. One of our major problems is self-absorption. A great cause focuses us on others.
7. Men who are pursuing a worthy cause will do very well at the Judgment Seat of Christ.
8. Being involved in some aspect of building the Church, the Bride of Christ is the greatest of causes.
9. God is always involved in the birth of causes in our heart and soul, and faithfulness to your church is a prerequisite to God giving greater responsibility.
10. Most men don't think they have what it takes to be a great man of God.

The Church

1. Jesus loves the Church.
- Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;
2. Everything that God has done and will do revolves around His purpose of creating a companion worthy of His Son.

Eph 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory**, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.

2 Cor 4:14 knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will **present** us with you.

Col 1:22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to **present you before Him** holy and blameless and beyond reproach.

3. We **naturally** tend towards a **low** view of the church because we see **people** now.

4. God's **will** is that the **Church grow**.

Mat 16:18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock **I will build My church**; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it.

Eph 4:15-16 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working

5. God's **method** for **growing** His Church is faithful, committed **people**.

Eph 4:15-16 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which **every** joint supplies, according to the proper working of **each** individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

6. Our best **work** will always be in **cooperation** with other **people** in the Church.

7. God **blesses** us as we invest our **time** and **money** to build His Church.

The Blessings of Doing Ministry in Your Church

1. Our **love** for **Jesus** is no greater than our **love** for His **church**.
2. Our **commitment** to **Jesus** is no greater than our **commitment** to our **church**.
3. God **blesses** those who **serve** Him by doing **ministry** in their church.
4. God gives **power** to those who **serve** Him by doing **ministry** in their church.
5. God gives **joy** to those who serve **Him** by doing ministry in their **church**.
6. God gives a **sense** of **significance** to those who serve Him by doing ministry in their church.

Leadership Class #20

Bitterness

1. God has forgiven each of us of our sins because of our faith in Christ, not for anything good we have done or will do.
2. God expects that because He has forgiven us that we will forgive others.
3. If we do not forgive others, God will not forgive us.
4. If God doesn't forgive us of our sin He won't answer our prayers.
5. If God doesn't forgive us of our sin we will experience the full consequence of our sin.
6. If God doesn't forgive us of our sin we will feel guilty.
7. If God doesn't forgive us of our sin we will feel depressed and sad.
9. If God doesn't forgive us of our sin we will be totally unmotivated.
10. If God doesn't forgive us of our sin the devil and his demons will have free and easy access to our lives.
11. If God doesn't forgive us of our sin we will keep sinning and not grow spiritually.
12. If God doesn't forgive us of our sin we will experience the full consequence of our sin at the Judgment Seat of Christ.
13. If God doesn't forgive us of our sin we won't accomplish anything that really matters.
14. If God doesn't forgive us of our sin He can't bless us.
15. The key to forgiving others is to commit to loving them.
16. We will have no influence in the life of the person that we do not forgive.

17. The time to forgive is immediately.
18. Don't say or think, "It is OK", because it probably isn't. Instead, say or think, "! forgive."
19. You might have to forgive the same person for the same offense 490 days in a row.
20. Being quick to forgive is a habit that is learned by practice.

Leadership Class #21

Moral Purity

1. Everything **rises** and **falls** on leadership.
2. All **authority** must be **earned** from **God** and those we are leading.
3. The degree of **moral purity** determines how much God will **use us**.
4. God will not use an **unclean vessel**.
5. The first and most powerful step to **moral purity** is learning to exercise **self control** over our **thoughts**.
6. The key to taking every **thought** captive to obedience to Christ is to be **disciplined** in what comes into our **mind**.
7. **G I = G O. (Garbage in – Garbage out)**
8. We exercise discipline over the **input** into our **minds** in two ways:
 - (a) Put **good** stuff in.
 - (b) Keep **bad** stuff out.
9. The major source of immoral stuff in our culture is **T.V., movies** and the **internet**.
10. The key to getting large, consistent doses of good stuff into our **minds** is **faithfully practicing** the **7** basic **disciplines** of the Christian life:
 - a. **Bible reading**
 - b. **Prayer**
 - c. **Gathering**
 - d. **Seeking wisdom**
 - e. **Giving**
 - f. **Worship**
 - g. **Self-examination / confession of sin.**

Keys to Growing in Moral Purity

1. Meditate on the fact that the degree of moral purity in our life **determines how much** God will **use** us.
2. Meditate on the fact that our moral **weaknesses** will be **passed** on to our **children**.
3. Meditate on the fact that the degree of moral purity in our life greatly impacts the **quality** of our **marriage**.
4. Making a **daily commitment** to **God** to be morally pure is very important.
5. **Confess** all **sin**, especially **mental** lapses of moral purity, to God quickly and thoroughly.
6. Work very hard at being faithful to the disciplines of **journaling** and **self-examination**.
7. The most powerful way to **transform** our **thinking** habits is to **memorize** and **meditate** on Scripture.
8. We need to **pray** often and **ask** God for **strength**, especially when we begin to become immoral in our **thinking**.
9. We need to work very hard at exercising **self-control** over our **eyes** in social settings. "Look at their **eyes** only."
10. We need to develop **honest accountability relationships** with other men.
11. We need to learn the spiritual value of **confessing** our **sin** to a **priest**.

12. We need to exercise **self-control** over the **words** that come out of our **mouth**.

Thinking immoral **thoughts** bends us, but **speaking** immoral **words** sets us.

13. Make a commitment not to allow yourself to get into any **tempting situations**.

Leadership Class #22

Anger

1. Anger allows **satan** to gain control of your **life** and the life of your **family**.

Ephesians 4:26-27 – Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.

2. Anger is most people's **biggest problem**.
3. We must learn to **master** our **anger**.

Genesis 4:3-7 – So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the Lord of the fruit of the ground. And Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions.

And the Lord had regard for Abel and for his offering; But for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

4. Don't ever get **angry** at your **spouse**, even just a little **bit**.
5. Trying to **control** your **children** by your **anger** is **stupid**.
6. **Angry** people are **not used** by God.
7. Make a **commitment** to cease from all **anger** and establish a firm **plan** that you **review** every time you get **angry**.
 - a. **Memorize** anti-anger Bible **verses**.

- b. **Apologize** to God every time you get **angry**, and **apologize** to the person you got **angry** at.
- c. Learn to **forgive** others quickly.
- d. Don't **talk** when you feel **angry**.
- e. Work hard at becoming a person who **praises** and **encourages** others.
- f. Never **justify** or **excuse** your **anger**.
- g. Remember, the **devil wins** when you get **angry**.

Proverbs 14:17 – A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, and a man of evil devices is hated.

Proverbs 14:29 – He who is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who is quick-tempered exalts folly.

Proverbs 16:32 – He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.

Proverbs 19:11 – A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook a transgression.

Ecclesiastes 7:9 – Do not be eager in your heart to be angry, for anger resides in the bosom of fools.

Ephesians 4:31-32 – Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

James 1:19-20 – This you know, my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger. For the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

Leadership Class #23

Fear of the Lord

1. There are a ton of blessings given by God to the person who fears Him.
2. The first aspect of what it means to fear God is to have a strong sense of awe, wonder, and marvel over the majesty and splendor and bigness of God.
3. The second aspect of fearing God is “God is King”. He is in control of everything. He causes everything. He is on His throne. He plans our life. God is sovereign.
4. The third aspect of fearing God is that we believe by faith that He is omnipresent. He is present at the farthest star and He lives inside of me and is always with me, and He knows in detail my every act, word, thought, and motive.
5. The fourth aspect of fearing God is acknowledging that God is our rule maker, lawgiver for living life in this world. God decides what is right and wrong, not us
6. The rule book is the Bible.
7. The fifth aspect of fearing God is acknowledging that apart from God we can do nothing.
8. The sixth aspect of fearing God is understanding that He is our Father, and disciplines us when we do wrong.
9. The discipline of the Lord is not pleasant; there will be pain.
10. God disciplines us severely because He loves us.
11. God’s goal and desire for us is that we would become like Him in character.
12. God’s discipline works if we respond correctly.

Choosing to Sin

Consequences for Choosing to Sin

1. We become slaves to sin.
2. We lose the ability to grow spiritually.
3. We are disciplined by God.
4. God takes away our joy and happiness.
5. We are unable to bear fruit or accomplish anything for God.
6. The consequence of our sin affects others, especially our children.
7. There will be a great and eternal impact on the quality of the rewards that we will receive at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Cures for Sinning

1. Present yourself to God. "I will do whatever you want. You are Lord."
2. Ask God for strength.
3. Review these consequences often. Develop a healthy fear of God.

Leadership Class #24 Self-Control

1. **Self-control** is the key to **winning** in life.
2. There are many **forces** fighting to **control** our **life**.
 - a. people
 - b. devil
 - c. world
 - d. flesh
3. Men who exercise **self-control** are given great **responsibility** from God.
4. **God** can **trust** a man with **self-control** to do the **right** thing.
5. A man with **self-control** will give his **wife** a great deal of **security** .
6. A man with **self-control** will **raise healthy children**.
7. Never, never, never say, "I **couldn't help myself**."
 - a. **Confess** all **sin** quickly.
 - b. **Examine** your life regularly and **ruthlessly**.
 - c. Ask your **wife** for a **grade** with no **defensiveness**.
 - d. **Present** your life to **Jesus, daily**.
 - e. Get **counsel** and input from **others**.
 - f. Always be **in** an **accountability group**.
 - g. Faithfully **practice** the **basic disciplines** of the Christian life.

- (1) Bible Reading
- (2) Prayer
- (3) Gathering
- (4) Worship
- (5) Giving
- (6) Seeking Wisdom
- (7) Self-examination / confession

Leadership Class #25

Deference

1. **Deference** is the character trait of putting someone else's **rights**, needs and **opinions** ahead of our own.

2. Only very **strong**, confident, **secure** people are able to practice **deference** consistently.

3. Those who faithfully practice the basic disciplines of the Christian life of

(1) **Bible reading**, (2) **Prayer**, (3) **Giving**, (4) **Gathering**, (5) **Worship**, (6) **Seeking wisdom**, (7) **self-examination**

will have a growing relationship with God that allows God to give them **security** and **self-worth**.

4. When God is **pleased** with our walk with Him we will **sense** His **pleasure** in our hearts and we will have His **joy** in us.

5. Our personal **rights** are a major cause of **conflict** between us and others.

6. **Deference** is **yielding** our own personal **rights** for the sake of unity and love.

7. God gives great **authority** to those who practice **deference**.

8. Our **anger** is usually an indication that we are feeling that our personal **rights** have been **violated**.

9. Those who have grown in the character trait of **deference** become skilled at sincerely **honoring** others.

10. God will become the **defender** of those who **yield** their **rights** for the purpose of unity.

11. Those who have grown in the character trait of **deference** will become increasingly more gracious in their speech.

12. Those who have grown in the character traits of **deference** will be **exalted** by God.

Leadership Class #26

Motives

1. One of the hardest things in life is to keep our **motives** pure.
2. As we grow in character, as God uses us more and more, we will receive **praise** from people. That **praise** can become incredibly **addicting**.
3. Once we begin to do things for the **approval** of people we become their **slaves**.
4. Jesus had many hard words for the Pharisees, and the main reason was that their **motives** were **wrong**.
5. Those who do things to receive **glory** from people will lose their ability to sense God's **pleasure**.
6. Those who are **motivated** by the **approval** they receive from people will have little **influence** in their lives.
7. Those who do **good** things for people rather than for God will not receive **eternal rewards** for their effort.
8. Those who are sensitive to people's **approval** will have trouble being **transparent** and **real**.
9. Those who do what they do for people's **praise** will not receive **criticism** well and will not **grow** much.
10. As we become increasingly more responsive to people's **words**, we will lose our ability to **hear** God's **voice**.

Leadership Class #27 Gentleness

Proverbs 15:1 - A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

Matthew 5:5 - "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth."

Matthew 11:29 –“ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.”

Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Ephesians 4:1-2 - Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love.

Colossians 3:12 - So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

1 Thessalonians 2:7 - But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing *mother* tenderly cares for her own children.

1 Timothy 6:11 - But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance *and* gentleness.

2 Timothy 2:24-26 - The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with

gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

James 3:13, 17 - Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. . . . But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

1. **Gentleness** and **meekness** is **power** and **authority** under control.
2. The lack of **gentleness** and **meekness** is a major reason many men are not **used** much by God.
3. Treating people with **gentleness** is treating them with **reverence** and **honor**.
4. Men are taught by our culture to be **rough** and **assertive**.
5. **Assertiveness** training is based on the philosophy that the results rest with **me**.
6. Those who **trust** God can **relax** and know that there are hundreds of promises in the Bible about protection by God from our **enemies**.

1 Peter 2:19-23 - For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously.

7. The most important place to begin being a **gentle** man is with our **wife**.

8. We will never do better in life, in ministry, or at work than we do with our **wife**.

9. The way we **honor** our **wife** is a major determiner of how much God will **honor** and **use** us.

1 Peter 3:7 - You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

10. It takes great **self-control** and **patience** to be **gentle** with people, but God greatly blesses those men who make the effort and work hard at this **character** trait.

Leadership Class #28

A Servant's Heart

1. God only uses qualified people to do His work. He uses those who are (1) **faithful**, (2) **self-controlled**, (3) **good stewards** or **responsible** and **morally pure**.

2. Another requirement is to have a **servant's** heart.

3. A **servant** is one who takes the **initiative** to make **peace** in a **conflict** .

4. How can you tell if you have a **servant's** heart?

What do you do in a conflict?

5. A person with a **servant's** heart is a **peace maker**.

6. A major requirement to be **great** in the Kingdom of God is to be a **servant**.

7. Our **flesh** does not like to **initiate peace**.

8. We tend to **feel** that if we take the **initiative** to resolve **conflict** that we are admitting we are **wrong**.

9. Those who take the **responsibility** for a **conflict** even if they are only 1% of the problem will be blessed by God with **authority**.

10. A true **servant** knows the taste of "**humble pie**" very well.

11. The most important place to **practice** being a **servant** is in our **marriage**.

12. Those who practice the basic disciplines of the Christian life of:

(1) **Bible Reading** (2) **Prayer** (3) **Gathering together** (4) **Giving** (5) **Worship** (6) **Seeking Wisdom** (7) **self-examination / journaling** , will grow stronger and stronger in this essential character trait of leadership.