Leadership 105 – Lesson 2 – Cultivating Character (Homework) - Leonor Alvarado

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Cultivating Character

I. God has a measure/standard for us to meet that qualifies us to lead His people.

Ephesians 4:13 (NLT)This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of

God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of

Christ.

A. We find templates for how to recognize godly, spiritually mature people in God’s word. These

necessary qualifications are foundational to lead the people.

Titus 1:6-9 (NLT) An elder must live a blameless life. He must be faithful to his wife, and his children

must be believers who don’t have a reputation for being wild or rebellious. 7 A church leader is a

manager of God’s household, so he must live a blameless life. He must not be arrogant or quicktempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money. 8 Rather, he must enjoy

having guests in his home, and he must love what is good. He must live wisely and be just. He must

live a devout and disciplined life. 9He must have a strong belief in the trustworthy message he was

taught; then he will be able to encourage others with wholesome teaching and show those who

oppose it where they are wrong.

 This list is also recorded in 1 Tim. 3:1-7 and in both places the qualifications focus on a man’s

reputation, ethics, morality, temperament, habits, and maturity.

Ecclesiastes 7:1a (ERV) A good reputation is better than expensive pleasures

B. Even though there is an extensive list they can be summed up into two primary

characteristics/qualities: godly \_\_ \_\_character\_\_\_ and \_christen\_\_\_\_ \_\_integrity\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. All the qualifications found in 1Tim. 3:1-7 & Titus 1:6-9 are foundational attributes that you can

build on as a leader/pastor! Each supports either character or integrity in the life of a believer.

2. Character is one's moral and ethical code, and integrity means that one lives according to that

code. The difference is as simple as theory vs. application.

C. Godly character can specifically be defined as the characteristics modeled by Christ that Christians

are called to possess. They distinguish you from among others for leadership.

1 Samuel 16:7(NLT) But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I

have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward

appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

1. The most important attribute of godly character is blamelessness. It is repeated over and over

in scripture when referring to leaders. To be blameless in the Greek means: affording nothing of

which an adversary can take hold.

D. Biblical Integrity is \_\_\_\_\_\_living\_ \_\_life\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ based on biblical principles and godly values.

1. Leaders of integrity do what is right, because it’s right! They don’t allow emotions, pride or

rebellion to persuade them otherwise.

2. To achieve godly integrity, we must have \_\_\_\_accountability\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This means giving someone

permission to ask questions, confront and correct you.

3. Leaders of Integrity will leave a \_\_legacy\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of leadership because God is with them.

1 Kings 9:4-5 (NLT) “As for you, if you will follow me with integrity and godliness, as David your

father did, obeying all my commands, decrees, and regulations, 5

then I will establish the throne

of your dynasty over Israel forever. For I made this promise to your father, David: ‘One of your

descendants will always sit on the throne of Israel.’

II. With all of the demands ministry can have on a pastor/leader, depending on our gifts instead of our

God, can become a temptation. We must plan to be leaders of godly character and integrity.

A. We must not allow success and gifting to \_replace\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ needed time with God.

John 15:4 (NLT) Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is

severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

1. If I don’t plan to live right. I am planning on living wrong.

a. We have the DNA of a champion! We can be the leaders God calls us to be, and lead His

people with integrity.

2 Peter 1: 3-4(NLT) By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a

godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to

himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. 4 And because of his glory and

excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable

you to share his divine nature and escape the world’s corruption caused by human desires.

2. The Bible encourages us to train like an athlete for ministry. (1 Tim. 4:15)

a. I can control my growth by what I do or don’t do.

b. I must be intentional by setting daily habits and goals for my life/ministry/career.

1. Don’t overwhelm yourself with goals; set a few growth goals so you can focus on those

areas of development.

2. Gather necessary tools to accomplish goals.

Galatians 5:16(NLT)So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing

what your sinful nature craves.

3. Develop a plan that fits you!

4. Schedule time to grow and then get started! Don’t procrastinate.

2 Peter 1: 8(NLT) The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be

in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. Godly character and Christian integrity doesn’t just happen. They are built one choice at a time.

1. \_\_\_Prioritize\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your personal time with God

a. This will allow you to notice and correct character flaws & integrity concerns. God’s word is

the mirror we should dress before each day.

2. Keep your emotional, spiritual, and physical tanks full!

a. Learn what fills you and what diminishes you.

3. Build your priority relationships

a. When we make pleasing God the ultimate priority, all of our priorities will be right.

Galatians 1:10 (NLT) Obviously, I’m not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If

pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant.

4. Seek accountability and don’t neglect self examination.

Psalm 139:23 (NLT) Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious

thoughts.

a. Your biggest challenge to leadership is “YOU” this is why we must deny ourselves and

esteem others.

Philippians 2:3-5b (NLT) Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of

others as better than yourselves. 4 Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an

interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.