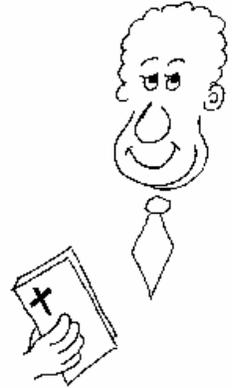
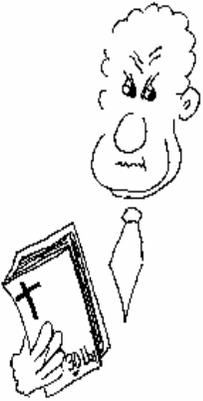


2. Attitudes of a Leader

(Chained to what we see with our natural senses or ...
Faithfully linked to Who we do not see?)

In this session we look at three more Leadership Principles. Remember that people will always examine and judge your actions more carefully than your words. Actions do not lie. Your actions are ultimately transparent and more clearly understood than the words you speak.



Jesus' Attitude of Faith – A Role Model for Leadership:

The Root of this Attitude – Relationship with the Father

Jesus had an unrelenting, unshakeable faith in the Word of God, the will of the Father and the ways He (Jesus) should walk. His leadership decisions and actions were reflections of His rock-solid faith walk. Jesus faced the strongest difficulties and challenges a leader could face. He ministered in situations filled with the potential to link His emotions and attitudes to temptation, doubt and fear. However, He remained steadily and faithfully focused on His relationship with the Father. He refused to allow one link in His life that could grow into a self-destructive chain.

(John 17:25-26 NKJV) "O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. {26} And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Links That Become Chains



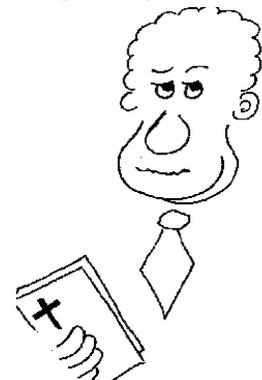
Ask yourself:

 Am I linked to my own plans and ambitions?

1. What would my reaction be if He said, "Give up all your plans and dreams and follow me where I want you to go."
2. Do I recognize pride when it rises up during my public ministry, or do I just enjoy the spotlight and forget who it is that puts breath in my body and anointing in my life?

 Am I primarily linked to people when it comes to facing and solving problems? Or, is my primary and unshakeable link to God?

1. Who am I trying to please?
a. Myself b. God c. People
2. What would it take for me to turn my back on God?



✂ Am I linked to a love of my own position and the special feelings it gives me before I am linked to obedience to whatever the Father has in mind for me?

(Philippians 3:7-8 NKJV) “But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. {8} Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ”

(Luke 9:23 NKJV) “Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”

(Proverbs 16:18 NKJV) “Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.”

✂ Am I linked to my own security, safety and prosperity? Do I fear losing these?

1. What place does fear have in my life, right now? What am I fearful of?
2. Would my commitment to servanthood include walking through the things I am most fearful of?

✂ Am I linked to my own instincts and reactions before I am linked to my faith in God?

1. Which chain would snap first – the one of self-preservation or the one of selfless service to the Lord?
2. How far would I willingly take Romans 12:1?

✂ **Am I linked to the Father ... Or chained to my fears, doubts and insecurities?**

1. What is my relationship with the Father really like?
2. Do I model my relationship and my expectations with Father God after my relationship with my earthly father?

Confidence in our Heavenly Connection

The Root of your faith must be your link to the Father. Do not rely on any other bond or personal connection to be your life’s foundation. The Father will never disappoint you or erode your confidence in His ability to perform His Word. He has no weakness or lack of resolve. Link your life to Him! Walk out your calling daily, with an unbreakable link to Him. Plant your feet in faith on your relationship with the One who will not leave you, Who will not fail you but will always love and support you. After all, your call is His will.

Leadership Principle #4.

**Link your faith to your relationship with
the Father!**



**Your Heavenly
Father**

Jesus' Attitude toward His Destiny: A Big Picture Person

Everything Jesus did in His leadership ministry was derived from an awareness of His Father's complete control. God the Father has always had total authority and ultimate control in the earth. His will is to be accomplished. During the three and a half years of Jesus' earthly leadership ministry, He fully acknowledged the Father's sovereign right to have His way. Everything Jesus did aligned with, and recognized the priority of the will of the Father. Jesus was fully able to see the big picture and submitted Himself to what He saw... the suffering sacrifice that must precede His supreme success.

*"...Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."
(Luke 22:42 NKJV)*

Ask yourself:

 Do I routinely look for the big picture in the midst of my leadership activities?

1. How often do I ask for discernment, when I am in the midst of ministry?
2. Do I ever remind myself of my visions and goals before I go into a ministry situation?

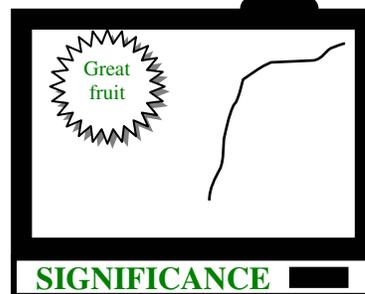
Or do I just go through the motions?

 Am I routinely faithful to do the will of the Father, and not my own will?

1. Am I lazy with the little things of ministry?
2. Do I pray regularly to seek the will of God?
3. When is the last time I recognized a change in my understanding of God's will for a church service I was about to hold?
4. When is the last time I recognized a change in my understanding of God's will for my life?

 Do I have an eternal perspective that will keep me from being shaken off my call?

**Leadership Principle #5
Be a big picture person.**



**Turn on the
spiritual TV.
Become a big-
picture person!**

Jesus' Attitude toward His Ministry

(John 8:28-29 NKJV) "Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. {29} And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.""

People often say, **"Don't just stand there, do something!"**

We usually respond reactively to problems, needs or opportunities; to voices, cries or pleas; to hurts, pains or sorrows at the moment we become aware of a situation or opportunity. In time we find ourselves worn out, turned out, burned out and left out. We cry out to God and hear no answer. Where is He? Where was He? Where is He going to be? Why is He leaving us hanging out without a clue? Why can't we hear His voice?

Ask yourself:

🗍 *Am I modeling my ministry after Jesus, who said: "I do nothing of Myself but as My Father taught me"? (Verse 28)*

If you could paint a picture (draw a diagram) of your ministry, and if you painted a picture of Jesus' ministry, what would not match up in the two pictures?

The way it ought to be: **"Don't just do something, stand there!"**

Our ministry ought to be reactive, but only to God's distinctly directive voice. Learn to resist the pull of circumstances, natural instincts, or the opinions of others. Get a clear word from the Lord. Then respond confidently to the problems, needs or opportunities; voices, cries or pleas; hurts, pains or sorrows. God will always give you your marching orders. When He does, then *"do the things that please Him"* (Verse 29, above). Otherwise, you will act independently of Him. You will wear out, burn out, and miss out. You will miss God's will and never know what He wanted you to do.

Here is the pattern of action/reaction in your ministry and life:

- Stand with feet of faith.
- Stand with total trust in the person, presence and power of God.
- Stand through the suffering and expect the glory.

1. Be still and know that He is God. As long as He is silent, you remain still.
2. When He speaks, you move in His timing, His ways and according to His choices.

Leadership Principle #6

"Don't just do something, stand there."

Stand on feet of faith ... until He moves your feet with grace.



Submit to His timing, His ways and His choices. Your responses will be faith-filled and effective. The Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in both your actions and reactions, as you accomplish His will. Remember, His timing, His ways and His choices are the guidelines that will keep you from becoming a premature pile of ashes on the altar of your own good intentions.

There are two elements of your personal

relationship with God that will keep you standing. The first is your willingness to keep His Word. The second is your willingness to keep your heart. You cannot keep His Word unless you keep your heart. His Word... and His abiding presence are found in your heart – unless you deny them space! Remember: Your leadership is to be rooted in a relationship with the Father!

Review – Leadership Principles

- #1. People will follow at a distance for only a season.
Close relationships are lasting and fruitful forever.
Reach out to your people and be part of them.**
- #2. Never forget that you are simply a child of God, even when the people think you are more. The battle is the Lord's**
- #3. It is delivery boys and girls who kill the giants.**
- #4. Link your faith to your relationship with the Father.**
- #5. Be a big picture person.**
- #6. Don't just do something, stand there!**

Think about it!

Lord Jesus, we bless you and praise you for your Word, Amen.