

Tonight's Lesson: "A Leader With a Different Attitude"

Exodus 32

Introduction:

1. Moses was at the top of Mt. Sinai receiving God's commandments for His people.
2. While Moses was up on the Mount, he left Aaron in charge. Aaron **failed** miserably as a leader.
3. Aaron was a man with some wrong attitudes.
4. Let's learn from Aaron's negative example, and let's see four attitudes that every spiritual leader must possess.

I. A leader's attitude is to please **God**, not **people**.

- A. In verse 1, the people wanted to engage in idol worship, thereby breaking God's first and second commands.
- B. There is no record of any resistance on Aaron's part. vs. 2-5
 - *"Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment."* **Exodus 23:2**
- C. Aaron wanted to be popular more than he wanted to be **pure**.
 - *"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ."* **Galatians 1:10**
 - *"But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."*
1 Thessalonians 2:4
- D. Aaron failed as a leader because he was a **people** pleaser rather than a God pleaser.

II. A leader's attitude is to confront his own sin **first**.

- A. Sometimes a leader **does** have to confront sin, but Galatians 6:1 is the **right** attitude.
 - *"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."* **Galatians 6:1**

- B. Rather than focus on his own sin, Aaron first focused on **Moses'** disposition.
vs. 19-22

III. A leader's attitude is to take personal responsibility for his actions.

- A. Aaron was ready to pass the blame. vs. 22-23
- B. Very few people want to take responsibility for their **choices** today.
- ¹¹*“For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. ¹²So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.”* **Romans 14:11-12**

IV. A leader's attitude is one of complete honesty. vs. 24