

HOW DO SPIRITUAL LEADERS BECOME LEADERS?

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- Here in our text, Paul discusses leaders in the local church – bishops (pastors) and deacons. But how do leaders for God become leaders? How does it happen?

It begins with a _____ for God's Word.

- *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.”* **1 Peter 2:2**
- *“Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.”* **Titus 1:9**
- *“And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.”*
Mark 4:19
- True leaders for God have something in common – they love and desire God’s Word. Timothy is such a great example. 1 Timothy 4:6; 2 Timothy 3:14-15

It continues with a desire to _____ God's Word to others.

- There are people all over this world that want to know God, but there has to be somebody with a desire to tell them and show them the _____ of God.
- *“Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.”* **Romans 10:1**
- *“For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily. Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.”*

Jeremiah 20:8-9

It culminates with a desire to provide godly leadership for _____.

- In 1 Timothy 3:1, the word “*desire*” means “to reach out after; to _____ for.”
- How about you? Do you have that desire to be a leader for God - to impact others? You can! God can use you in mighty ways. It begins by desiring God’s Word _____ than anything else.



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