

Tonight's Lesson: "A Different Kind of Leader"

Mark 10:42-45

Introduction:

1. Leadership is _____.
2. Influence is the ability to move another person in a direction you believe is important.
3. By any definition, Jesus Christ was a _____ like no other!
4. But, as we study the life of Christ, we find some interesting discoveries.
 - He was the greatest leader the world has ever known because he was the greatest _____ the world has ever known. John 4:34
5. Let's examine the traits that marked Christ's leadership.

I. Christ did not selfishly _____ others. vs. 42

- A. As we look at Christ's life, we never see Him using His power and authority to selfishly _____ over others.
- B. Philippians 2:4-8 describes Christ's attitude when He walked this earth.

II. Christ led by _____. vs. 43

- A. According to Christ, what defines a great leader?
 - A great leader is one who ministers to the _____ of others.
- B. Jesus Christ was a great leader, because His entire life and attitude was characterized by _____.

III. Christ ministered by _____. vs. 44

- A Christ-like leader has a ministry mind-set. But what does that attitude cause a leader to do?
- In Mark 10:44, Jesus taught that it leads a person to _____.
 - *"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."* Galatians 5:13

IV. Christ served by _____. vs. 45

- Christ was a _____, not a taker. He sacrificed in every area.
- *"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."* 2 Corinthians 8:9

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2. **What characterizes a spiritual leader's heart?** The Bible gives us several key principles.

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- B. There is an ongoing battle for _____ of our heart.
 - *"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Galatians 5:16-17*

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2 Corinthians 3:14-18

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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 _____ 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 _____, not _____.

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 _____.

- *"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 _____ pleaser rather than a God pleaser.

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

A. Sometimes a leader **does** have to confront sin, but Galatians 6:1 is the _____ 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 _____ disposition. vs. 19-22

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

_____.

A. Aaron was ready to pass the blame. vs. 22-23

B. Very few people want to take responsibility for their _____ 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 _____ . vs. 24

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1. Daniel is a wonderful example of a leader with a different spirit.
 - *"Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm."* **Daniel 6:3**
2. Many leaders possess a haughty spirit, but God is looking for leaders with a _____ spirit. Proverbs 16:18-19, 29:23
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- B. "Other people know things that I do _____ know." Philippians 4:9
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II. What are the Biblical characteristics of those with a teachable spirit?

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1. Why do people cling to “forms?” Why are people resistant to change?
 - Fear that the change won't _____
 - Afraid of what _____ will think
 - Fear of leaving our _____ zone
2. We must overcome fear if we are going to grow and change.
 - *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7*

In Conclusion:

1. Change is seldom easy or comfortable, but it is very needed in our spiritual lives.
2. There is no growth without change, and there is no change without growth. The two are inseparably _____ together.
3. As believers, we must learn to not just tolerate change, but _____ it.