

Spiritual Leadership



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**God invites you to
participate in His work**

2 Corinthians 5:19-20

"...the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, whom the Lord has appointed to be prince over his people..." (1 S. 13:14). "Go up and down the streets of Jerusalem, look around and consider, search through her squares. If you find but one person who deals honestly and seeks the truth, I will forgive this city." (Jer. 5:1.) "I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall..." Ezk. 22:30).

**If you are faithful and obedient He will show you
where He is working so that you can join in His
work.**

**As he matured, his spiritual leadership
became evident: "And Samuel grew, and the
Lord was with him, and let none of his words
fall to the ground." *(1 S. 3:21)***

Think

- **It is not what the individual wants to do but what God is about to do.**
- **God praises obedience, not performance.**

"Spiritual leaders are not elected, appointed, or created by synods or church assemblies. Only God can form them. A person does not become a leader simply because he or she occupies an office, has taken a course in that subject, or resolves of his or her own free will to carry out that task.

**It can take time. I may spend years preparing
you for a major mission.**

- Jesus was 12 years old when He went to take
care of his father's business.**
- But He began his public ministry at 30.**
- The remaining time He used to lay the
foundations.**

**The missions He assigns us are
always in keeping with our
character and faith in Him.**



"Like any other worthwhile activity, if leadership can be improved, we should try to improve it. The first steps toward improvement are to recognize weaknesses, make corrections, and cultivate strengths.

– Sanders J. Oswald. *Spiritual leadership*, 1994.

Note

- **Don't insist I put you where you think you belong.**
- **Don't strive to gain a position you think you deserve or can control. It could ruin you.**
- **Without realizing it, you could maneuver into a position and responsibility that escapes the limits of your character.**

An observation

- **Trust in God and obey Him wholeheartedly where He has placed you, and see where He leads you next.**
- **Don't forget that God is much more interested in fulfilling the purposes of His kingdom.**

Reminder

- **He will guide you through every mission
He thinks you are ready for.**
- **Whatever mission He gives you, do it
with all your heart.**

"But the true spiritual leader focuses on the service he can render to God and other people, not on the by-products and trappings of the supreme office or holy title. Our goal must be to put more into life than we take out of it.

Jesus' example

John 5:17, 19- 20

- **The father has been in action up to this point.**
- **Now God makes Me work.**
- **I don't do anything on my own initiative.**
- **I watch to see what the Father is doing.**
- **I do what He is already doing.**
- **The Father loves Me.**
- **He shows Me everything He is doing Himself.**



**You lose blessings when
you try to achieve what
you can, just by yourself.**

"Montgomery outlined seven qualities necessary for a military leader,
each appropriate for spiritual warfare: The leader must:

- 1) avoid being overwhelmed by details;
- 2) not be petty;**
- 3) not be pompous;**
- 4) know how to select the right people for the job;**
- 5) trust others to do a job without the leader getting in the way;**
- 6) be able to make clear decisions; and**
- 7) inspire confidence.**

Life centered in God

- Trust in God.**
- Dependence on God, on His ability to provide.**
- Searching for God's activity.**
- Humility before God.**
- Self-Denial.**
- Seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness in the first place.**
- Searching for divine perspective in all circumstances.**
- Search for holiness and consecration.**

Life focused on oneself

- Person-focused decisions.**
- Pride in one's achievements.**
- Self-confidence.**
- Dependence on one's own skills.**
- Affirmation of self.**
- Interest in being acceptable to the world and its ways.**
- Looking at circumstances from a human perspective.**
- Being selfish and materialistic.**

John Mott moved among student circles, and his evaluation criteria covered different areas. You should look at a leader to see if he or she:

- 1) does small things well;**
- 2) has learned to focus on priorities;**
- 3) uses his free time well;**
- 4) has intensity of purpose;**
- 5) knows how to exploit momentum;**
- 6) continues to grow;**
- 7) overcomes discouragement and "impossible" situations;**
- 8) understands his weaknesses.**

One last warning

**Participating in the parent's activity
has a high cost.**

**It will give you a mission according to
its dimensions.**

You'll have a crisis of confidence.

**And you will have to adjust your life to
God.**

No matter how spiritual a leader is, he cannot transform vision into action if he lacks executive capacity.

Sanders, the spiritual leader

You can't stay where you are and accompany God!

- **Noah couldn't do the usual things - and make an ark at the same time.**
- **Ruth could not stay with her relatives - and at the same time join God's people.**
- **Esther could not remain silent before the king - and save her people.**
- **David had to leave his sheep to be king.**

**"Once he is sure of God's will, the
spiritual leader will leap into action,
regardless of the consequences."**

J. Oswald Sanders. Spiritual leadership: Revised edition (Spanish Edition)
(Position in Kindle590). Revised edition (Spanish Edition) ”

**Make the necessary changes
for God to fulfill His purposes
in you!**

