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interactive apostolic ministry training

Class 201—Leadership in the New Testament Church, 1

Session 5: The Heart Qualities of a Leader

He chose David His servant and took him from the sheep pens; from tending the sheep He brought him to be the shepherd of His people Jacob, of Israel His inheritance.

And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he lead them.

Psalm 78:70-72

Course Outline:

- How leadership works in the church
- God's call on leaders
- The heart qualities of leaders
- God's preparation of leaders
- The progression of leaders
- The functions & duties of leaders
- The skills of leaders

Why the heart so important?

1. It is the source of all attitudes and actions

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. Pr 4:23

2. It is the storehouse of all that we minister or speak:

Out of the contents of the heart, the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. Mt 12:34, 35

Solomon and Hezekiah stored up grain, wine, oil, weapons for the benefit and protection of the people, 1 Kings 9:19, 2 Chron 32:28

3. It can defile us and the people we minister to:

What comes out of a man makes him unclean. For from within, out of the heart of men, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly." Mark 7:22

3 heart qualities that church leaders need today:

1. Fathers

What fathers do:

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What fathers are like:

But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother cherishes her little children. We loved you so much that we were willing to have imparted to you not the Gospel of God only, but also our our own souls, because you were so dear to us . . .we dealt with you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God. 1 Thess 2:7,8,11

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2. Servants

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- *Sharath:*
- *Sakiyr:*
- *Doulos:*
- *Deacons:*

3. Shepherds

Ez 34:1-16, 22a, 23
John 10:1-15

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Then Esau said, let us be on our way; I'll accompany you. But Jacob said to him, My Lord knows that the children are tender and that I must care for the ewes and cows that are nursing their young. If they are driven hard just one day, all the animals will die. So let my lord go on ahead, while I move along slowly at the pace that the youngest of the flock can endure. Gen 33:14

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Is 40:11

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Open heart surgery:

"If you earnestly desire to know your spiritual calling, pursue the qualifications that make you the candidate to receive one" Damazio, p 88

1. Invite the Holy Spirit to search your heart:

2. Receive His gifts of grace:

"While God is committed to help you grow in faith, your level of cooperation is the releasing factor that leads to a qualified heart." Damazio, p 69

- God gives us a new heart, Jer 31:33, Ez 36:25-26
- God lavishes His love in our heart, Romans 5:5
- God shines His light in our heart—to give us divine knowledge, 2 Cor. 4:6
- God puts His Spirit in our heart as a seal, 2 Cor. 1:22
- God puts His Spirit in our heart to make intercession for us in accordance with God's will. Romans 8:26,27

3. Guard your heart: