

Effective Leadership

This course will guide you to a greater understanding of the nature of leadership and the principles you can apply to grow as a leader. Such principles become the tools a leader needs to provide effective leadership for the local church.

It has been wisely noted that everything rises and falls on leadership. While programs and activities can keep people active and good preaching can maintain their interest, it is leadership that establishes growth, both in the individual and in the church itself. Simply put, church leaders must truly learn how to be effective leaders.

In Unit 1 of this study, the content will focus on the spiritual formation of a leader. We will discover the qualities necessary to be a godly leader. The first chapter focuses on our ability to lead ourselves while the following chapter defines the heart a leader must possess. Other chapters discuss the nature of the calling to lead and blend illustrations from biblical leaders with the personal experiences of the author. The unit concludes with a look at how God develops a leader through various times of testing. Indeed, such tests will be ongoing through the life journey of the leader.

Unit 2 focuses on how a leader's direction is formed. The first chapter identifies the mission of the church and how the local body must possess a sense of their function and mission from the Word of God. The unit continues with a look at vision, both the process of discovering it and the need to effectively communicate that vision to those one leads. In later chapters, various principles that form the how-to of leadership come into focus. The student will journey through Moses' leadership dilemma and the process suggested by his father-in-law to make the leadership load bearable.

Unit 3 offers a valuable summary of many leadership principles and ideas. The student will learn valuable truths that can govern an entire life of leading others. Specific attention will be given to people skills and how they form the boundaries of a leader's success. After all, leadership is a people business. The course concludes with guidance in establishing and maintaining priorities amidst the leader's primary work of making decisions.

Course Description

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This course is a biblical approach to the principles of leadership that applies those principles in the church setting, giving the student the practical skills needed to serve in leadership in the local church.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to

1. Identify biblical examples of leadership and explain lessons that can be learned from these leaders.
2. Explain the characteristics of a leader's heart and how they are cultivated.
3. Explain the requirements of the godly leader for guiding the church of Jesus Christ.
4. Identify the various tests of leadership and what they seek to develop in a leader's life.
5. Explain the mission of the church as provided in God's Word.
6. Explain the process of vision from its inception to its communication to the body.
7. Describe the recommendations of Moses' father-in-law and how they apply to modern leadership.
8. Explain the five levels of leadership and how we can progress to the highest levels.
9. Describe how people skills impact leadership and explain the ways in which such skills are developed.
10. Identify and explain key principles concerning time management and how a person can focus his or her greatest energy on the highest of his or her priorities.