

2010

How Do I Lead? How Do I Follow?**Last Week: Recap**

Leadership Exercise:

1. How did it go?
2. How did you feel?
3. Did you observe any qualities of leadership (either at your table or as a group) and what were they?

Video (Cut from recording at 5:40) from <http://sivers.org/ff>**The Outer Circle**

In the outer circle are qualities that characterize both spiritual and non-spiritual leaders.

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| 1. Restless | 10. A Good Judge of Character |
| 2. Optimistic | 11. Tactful |
| 3. Intense | 12. A Dreamer |
| 4. Self-controlled | 13. Organized and Efficient |
| 5. Thick-skinned | 14. Decisive |
| 6. Energetic | 15. Perseverant |
| 7. A Hard Thinker | 16. A Lover of Family and Friends |
| 8. Articulate | 17. Restful |
| 9. Able to Teach | |

The Inner Circle

The inner circle of spiritual leadership is that sequence of events ...that all Christians must attain in some degree, and when they are attained with high fervor and deep conviction they very often lead one into strong leadership.

1. That Others Will Glorify God
2. Love Both Friend and Foe by Trusting in God and Hoping in His Promises
3. Meditate On and Pray Over His Word
4. Acknowledge Your Helplessness

(Marks of a Spiritual Leader – John Piper 1995)

Lead Like Jesus

1. By example
 - a. “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matt. 5:14-16, ESV)
2. Through action

- a. The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." (John 2:13-16)
3. With compassion
 - a. And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled. (Matt. 26:51-56)
4. Sacrificially
 - a. From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. (Matt 16:21)
5. Humbly
 - a. For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me." (John 12:49-50)
6. With Faith in God
 - a. And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." (Mark 14:36)
7. Rooted in God's Word
 - a. And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If

you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve." And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time. (Luke 4:1-13)

Follow by Making Leaders

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. (1Cor. 11:1)

Follow Like Barnabas, Be:

- a. A Risk-taker
 - i. And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. (Acts 9:26-27)
- b. One Who Sees Potential and Encourages Others
 - a. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, (Acts 11:23)
- c. Humble
 - a. A biblical leader-maker is humble and self-effacing. He looks for people with better gifts than his own and pushes them forward.
 - b. "The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians." (Acts 11:22-26)
- d. Patient with Failure of Others
 - a. "When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. (Acts 13:5)
 - b. Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, (Acts 13:13)
 - c. For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation,

fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.”(Acts 13:36–39)

e. A Lover of People

- a. They dream about people, their potential and how to help others maximize their impact for Christ
- b. Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, (Acts 4:36)

(Barnabas: The Maker of a Great Leader - John Piper 1987)