

“Portrait of the Man of God”

1 Timothy 3:1-7

The Man of God is a Man of:

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| I. <u>Integrity: Rooted in his private life.</u> | 3:1-2 |
| 1. His motive for service is pure. | 3:1-2 |
| 2. His manner of life is praiseworthy. | 3:2 |
| II. <u>Authenticity: Reflected in his personal life.</u> | 3:2, 4-5 |
| 1. He is committed to his wife. | 3:2 |
| 2. He has control of his family. | 3:4-5 |
| III. <u>Dependability: Revealed in his pastoral life.</u> | 3:2-3 |
| 1. He is able to teach the scriptures. | 3:2 |
| 2. He is able to teach by example. | 3:3 |
| IV. <u>Reliability: Respected in his public life.</u> | 3:6-7 |
| 1. He avoids the places of temptation. | 3:6 |
| 2. He aspires to have a good testimony. | 3:7 |

“Ten Different Leadership Styles”

1. **Delegator oriented**
Leads by assigning tasks in nearly every situation.
2. **Dream oriented**
A lot of time spent dreaming big dreams with little worry for completion.
3. **Goal oriented**
A high interest in setting goals and pushing for completion.
4. **Knowledge oriented**
Leads by superior knowledge and understanding rather than by example.
5. **Loner oriented**
Rather work alone and risk accomplishing little.
6. **Organization oriented**
Organized above all else, every detail checked.
7. **Relationship oriented**
High interest in people, feeling, and fellowship.
8. **Suggestion oriented**
Leads by making suggestions to others.
9. **Task oriented**
High interest in production and getting things done.
10. **Team player oriented**
Must work in a group or be a part of team effort; leads primarily by example.

LEADERSHIP

What does it look like?

What does it involve?

The Worldview of a Leader

	NOTES
<p>I. A KEY ISSUE IN LEADERSHIP IS MOTIVATION.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*Perhaps the number one problem in leadership today is motivation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is more important to determine a man's heart than his training (Matt. 15:18-19). 2. You must discover what it is that moves a man to action (Prov. 23:7). <p>II. BELIEVE THAT GOD CAN MAKE ANY PERSON SIGNIFICANT PERSON.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. God chooses a person not because of what he is but because of what he can become. B. How you see a man will probably determine what he becomes and how he functions. Picture a significant future. <p>III. INTENSIFY INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. The closer the relationship, the greater the motivation. B. Encourage motivation by taking others with you (Acts 4:13). <p>IV. CREATE A NEED THROUGH EXPOSURE TO REAL LIFE.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. A personal need and its value must become real before anyone becomes teachable. B. The reason most of us think we are competent is that we have never been sufficiently confused. 	

V. NURTURE AND DEVELOP RESPONSIBILITY.

- A. The greater the investment on the part of the trainee, the greater the interest.
- B. Any time you do anything for a person that he is capable of doing for himself, you cripple him and stunt his growth.

VI. SHOW THEM HOW.

- A. Establish practical training to reinforce what you are teaching.
- B. Do not ask people to do things you are not willing to do yourself (Model through serving). Mark 10:45

VII. REMOVE EMOTIONAL STUMBLING BLOCKS.

- A. A person who is angry, resentful, embarrassed, fearful or threatened in any way is a poor prospect for learning.
- B. What you are to a person is more than what you say.
- C. Create a climate of acceptance and mutual respect.
- D. Be encouraging and give recognition for a job well done. Look for the positive and not the negative.

VIII. CONVEY PERSONAL ENTHUSIASM.

- A. Develop a passion to communicate.
- B. Remember that excitement increases learning.
- C. Learn what to get excited about in others not yourself.
- D. Help their self-confidence and esteem, by encouragement (Phil 2:1-2).

IX. DEMONSTRATE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE.
(1 Cor. 13:1-8, 13)

- A. Follow the example of Jesus. Love motivated His disciples.
- B. Nurture loyalty by showing love.
- C. Remember that Jesus rebuked the disciples primarily for their lack of faith.

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A LEADER

I. PURPOSE-RELATED CHARACTERISTICS

- A. Persistence.
 - 1. Develop staying power.
 - 2. Know what can stop you.
 - 3. Remember that endurance is a key.
- B. Resistance.
 - 1. Learn how to respond to criticism.
 - 2. Develop the ability to say no!

II. PEOPLE-RELATED CHARACTERISTICS

- A. Servanthood.
 - 1. Be willing to serve those you can lead (Phil 2:3-4).
 - 2. Submit yourselves to each other (Eph. 5:21).
- B. Sensitivity to others.
 - 1. Understand needs.
 - 2. Provide opportunities for growth.

III. PERSONAL LIFE CHARACTERISTICS

- A. Consistent example.
 - 1. Teach by example.
 - 2. Imitate Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:1).

B. Self-mastery.

1. Be unencumbered by things that weigh you down (Heb. 12:1).
2. Put all areas of life under God's control.

C. Dynamic private life.

1. What a man is in private, determines what he will be in public.
2. Spend time alone in order to give yourself to others.

D. Confidence.

1. Realize that a healthy self-confidence is grounded in Christ confidence.
2. Know when to say "yes" and when to say "no."

E. Teachability.

1. Be willing to learn from others.
2. Be willing to learn from God.

F. Positive attitude.

1. Deal with the curse of self-depreciation.
2. Deal with the sin of pride.
3. Learn to laugh at yourself.

V. SPIRITUAL CHARACTERISTICS

- A. Capacity to trust others and be vulnerable.
- B. Ability to esteem others better than yourself.

SECRETS OF SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP

I. Learn to analyze problems from God's perspective.

Man Says	God Says
Worry about the future	Take no thought of tomorrow
Indulge your desires	Let Christ control your life
You need self confidence	Have no confidence (in the flesh)
Build a wholesome self-image	Deny yourself
Strive to be great	Be content with such things as you have
Be number one	Humble yourself

II. Learn to solve problems with God's wisdom.

A. What success is not.

1. Materialism (*Matthew 6:19-21*).
2. Selfishness (*Mark 8:34-37*).
3. A life without problems (*John 16:33*).
4. Ego-mania (*Galatians 6:3*).
5. Self-confidence (*Philippians 4:13*).
6. Exercising power over people (*Matthew 20:24-28*).
7. Pleasing everybody (*Luke 6:26*).
8. Being a carbon-copy (*1Corinthians 12:18*).

B. What success is.

1. Success is much more than a matter of achieving the right things - it is a matter of being the right person.

2. "Success involves the continued achievement of becoming the person God wants me to be and the continued achievement of established goals which God helps me to set."

William H. Cook

3. True success involves:

- (1) God and His character.
- (2) Goals and His plans.

C. The implications of true success.

1. A journey, knowing you never arrive; you are always on the way.
2. Achievement - reaching for and accomplishing what God wants you to do/be.
3. Character: not something "out there" but something "within you."
4. Goals - long range and short range.
5. God - always related to Him.

III. Learn what success involves.

- A. Being right with God.
- B. Learning to accept yourself.
- C. Knowing that you are on the winning team.
- D. Experiencing daily victory.
- E. Getting along with others.
- F. Achieving the maximum that can be achieved with what God has given you.

IV. See success from God's standpoint.

- A. God is interested in your being successful - provided your definition of success is right.
- B. God knows more about success than man does.
- C. God put man in the world to succeed, not fail.
- D. God is interested in goals.
- E. God has written a book containing guaranteed principles of success.
- F. God can motivate man to be successful.

The Crucible of Leadership: KNOWING GOD'S WILL

I. God has a plan and purpose for your life.

(Ephesians 2:10)

(Psalm 37:23).

(Acts 13:2).

II. God's will is not a blueprint, but a scroll - unfolding as the days go by and the needs demand.

III. God has promised to reveal His will.

(Psalm 73:24; 32:8).

(Proverbs 3:5-6)

IV. There are two aspects to God's will.

1. Instructions already specifically revealed - applies to every Christian.
2. Decisions for which there are no specific instructions but guiding principles - involving my life only.

V. Never seek guidance on what God has already forbidden or commanded.

VI. There are many things for which God has no preference: food, clothing, recreation, etc.

VII. Know the prerequisites of specific wisdom.

- A. Be a child of God (*John 6:29, 10:3*)
- B. Act on what you already understand.
- C. Be willing to believe before you know (*Romans 8:32, Luke 11:12*).
- D. Understand the clear teaching of the Word of God.
- E. Establish conviction born of prayer.
- F. Watch out for circumstances.
- G. Listen to the counsel of other Christians.

VIII. Beware of The Pitfalls.

- A. Desire is never God's design.
- B. Decisions should have a heart confirmation.
- C. The will of God does not always involve logical implications.
- D. The will of God will provide freedom from stress and problems.
- E. Disobedience is a sentence to spiritual mediocrity.