



FOUR QUALITIES THAT MAKE A GODLY LEADER

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Spiritual leadership is the ability to move people from their agenda to God's agenda. God is not concerned our agendas, our personal dreams, or our goals. Instead, He is only concerned with His agenda, His vision, and His goals. To be effective, godly leaders, we must depend on the Holy Ghost. Here are four key qualities that make a godly leader.

1. PRAYER. The first 40 days of Jesus' ministry was a time of prayer and fasting. Prayer permeated the ministry of Jesus, the Greatest Leader of all time. He prayed on mountains, in valleys, during the day, at night, alone, and with His disciples. From the Gospels until Revelation, every New Testament writer emphasized the power and pre-eminence of prayer in the work of God.

2. FASTING. In 2 Corinthians 6:4-5, the Apostle Paul included fasting as one of the things that approved him as a minister of God. He stated elsewhere that he fasted often and admonished others to give themselves to fasting and prayer. Prayer and fasting sanctify us, they help set us apart for God's service. In Joel chapter 2, prayer and fasting precede revival and the prophecy of Pentecost.

3. A GODLY LIFESTYLE. Far before anybody will hear the words we say, they will see how well we live out the principles we teach. The godly leader must understand three key principles regarding our lives:

1. We must present our body and our spirit to Christ
2. True Apostolic leadership will always require sacrifice
3. The Christian lifestyle is holy, God-conscious, and God-centered

4. PASSION. We will not pray, fast, study, or reach for souls unless we have passion. Everything we do must be done with passion and desire. Paul said, "the love of Christ constraineth us" (2 Corinthians 5:14). We cannot take for granted where God has placed us. We must be able to say, "What God has called me to do as a leader, I must do with passion."